

SPECIES ACCOUNTS

Greater White-fronted Goose

The reports are:

About 55 on 07 Nov in the Joint Watershed Management Property, **Williams**; four remained until 21 Nov (Scott Myers, Mark and Sherry Plessner)

About 35 on 26 and 27 Nov on Irwin Shoots Road, **Marion** (Junior Nisley, Dixie Sommers)

One on 27 Nov at Maumee Bay (*vide* Sherrie Duris)

Snow Goose

The first showed up on 25 Sep, at CPNWR (Tom Kemp). Robert Hershberger and Kent Miller counted 49 (five of them blue morph) in several flocks over CLNP on 09 Nov. The only other double-digit count was 14, by Jeff Loughman and Shane Myers in the Riverbend Recreation Area, **Hancock**, on 03 Nov. Fifteen counties contributed reports.

Ross's Goose

The five locations, with sightings listed chronologically, are:

Dawes Arboretum, **Licking**, one from 15 to 17 Oct (Margaret Bowman *et al.*)

CLNP, two with a flock of 29 Snow Geese on 09 Nov (Robert Hershberger and Kent Miller)

Headlands, nine on 09 Nov (Jerry Talkington *et al.*)

Zanesville Memorial Park Cemetery, **Muskingum**, one on 16 Nov (Scott Albaugh, Anthony Fry)

Ottawa near the Davis-Besse plant, one flyby on 29 Nov (John Pogacnik)



*Margaret Bowman recorded this Ross's Goose at Dawes Arboretum, **Licking**, which she found with a flock of migrating Canada Geese on 15 Oct.*

Snow/Ross's Goose

Indeterminate or hybrid birds were reported by Kent Miller at Edgewater on 18 Nov; by Dixie Somers on Irwin Shoots Road, **Marion**, on 27 Nov; and by Sam Corbo and Tom Kemp on the Bowling Green State University golf course, **Wood**, on 29 Nov.

Brant

The five reports are:

Two birds in Huron Harbor, **Erie**, on 07 Nov (Kent Miller)

One off Perry Township Park, **Lake**, on 10 Nov (Cole DiFabio)

One, probably the same bird, passing Lakeshore Reservation, **Lake**, on 10 Nov (John Pogacnik)

Three off Sunset Park on 18 Nov (m. obs.)

Two passing the Sheffield Lake shore, **Lorain**, on 24 Nov (Gabe Leidy)

Cackling Goose

Rita Schneider reported the first, a pioneer with five Canada Geese along Route 2 in **Erie** on 29 Sep. The next were two which Jen Brumfield saw passing Edgewater on 14 Oct. Maumee Bay hosted five between 24 and 28 Nov (m. obs.). Reports of one to three also came from other **Lucas** sites and **Allen, Ashland, Lorain, Wood**, and **Wyandot**.

Canada Goose

The high count was about 1000, noted by Tim Johnson at Mosquito Lake on 30 Nov. Several other counts were in the 700 to 800 range. All but 10 counties produced sightings.

Mute Swan

The highest of many double-digit counts was 69, at East Harbor on 19 Oct (Allen Chartier). Reports came from 28 counties.

Trumpeter Swan

Most counts in ONWR were in the 25 to 40 range; the 75 reported to the ONWR eTTT on 21 Nov probably included some Tundra Swans. The largest number elsewhere was 20, at Killdeer on 05 Nov (Dan and Lynn Gesualdo). Fifteen counties provided reports.

Tundra Swan

Matthew Valencic saw the earliest, two flying over LaDue on 19 Oct, and sightings were fairly steady from then into Dec. Elliot Tramer's census team counted 1086 in CPNWR on 16 Nov. Mary Anne Romito noted 530 along the ONWR auto tour route on 17 Nov. The highest inland count was 290 in four flocks passing Mosquito Lake, also on 17 Nov (Scott Huger). Sightings came from 28 counties.

Wood Duck

Justin Bosler found up to 2000 at Winous Point during several early Oct visits. Gary Cowell provided the highest inland count, 110 at the Home Road marsh, **Richland**, on 30 Sep and noted the "Normal high fall staging #'s at this location". Sixty-one counties produced reports.

Gadwall

One late Jul sighting and six birds at East Harbor on 02 Aug (Robert Reed) began a trickle of later Aug reports. Sightings were frequent by mid-Sep. Paul Sherwood's 640 at Medusa on 11 Nov was the high count. The largest number away from Lake Erie was the 180 which Helen and Ken Ostermiller found at Killdeer on 03 Nov. Half of our counties provided reports.

Eurasian Wigeon

One spent from 10 to 14 Nov along Wilderness Road (m. obs.).

American Wigeon

The first of the season showed up at the Ottawa Shooting Club, **Sandusky**, on 02 Aug (Justin Bosler). Jen Brumfield saw one at East 55th Street in Cleveland on 03 Aug and another from the CCE Trail on 27 Aug, producing the only other reports that month. The highest of three triple-digit counts was 125, by Lynne Albert and Nic Shayko at Sandy Ridge on 09 Nov. Reports came from 34 counties.

American Black Duck

The modest number of sightings in Aug increased significantly by mid-Sep. Justin Bosler made a careful count in Muddy Creek Bay, **Ottawa**, on 03 Oct and came up with 300. The most elsewhere was 80, noted on 25 Nov at the Findlay Reservoirs (Shane Myers). Thirty-nine counties had sightings.

[American Black Duck x Mallard]

Deb Tefft winkled out five at Maumee Bay on 24 Nov and reports also came from **Cuyahoga**, **Franklin**, and **Ottawa**.

Mallard

Killdeer hosted about 2000 on 24 Nov (the Ostermillers). Muddy Creek Bay, **Ottawa**, held about 1700 on 03 Oct (Justin Bosler). Seventy-one counties produced reports.

Blue-winged Teal

Muddy Creek Bay again provided the high count, 400 by Justin Bosler on 02 Oct. Gene Stauffer's 100 at Deer Creek SP on 03 Oct was the inland high. Sightings came from 39 counties.

Northern Shoveler

The five birds which Jeffrey Pontius found at Darby Creek on 04 Aug probably included the four seen there during the last week of Jul. Darby Creek also provided the largest inland count, 52 on 23 Nov (Carl Winstead). The highest count overall was not much higher; Justin Bosler noted 70 at Medusa on 11 Oct. Forty-two counties provided reports.

Northern Pintail

Justin Bosler saw the first, five at ONWR Blausey on 05 Sep. He also saw the most, 170 in the CCE on 30 Sep. Darby Creek hosted the inland high count, which was 35 on 10 Nov by Irina Shulgina. Twenty-three counties produced sightings.

Green-winged Teal

A few late Jul sightings preceded those at three locations on 02 Aug. Medusa hosted 700 on 01 Oct (Justin Bosler). Mill Creek held the inland high number of 250 on 01 Nov (John Petruzzi). Thirty-six counties contributed sightings.

Canvasback

The first of these handsome ducks showed up all the way south in Deer Creek WA on 13 Oct (m. obs.). Almost two weeks passed before the next sightings on 26 Oct. On that day a BRAS field trip noted two birds at the Wellington Upground Reservoir; **Lorain**, and Nicholas Rosner saw five at the Shreve Fish Pond, **Wayne**. The high count was 59 off North Perry, **Lake**, on 24 Nov (John Pogacnik), and the highest elsewhere was the 10 at Mosquito Lake on 25 Nov (Amber Hart). Reports came from 15 counties.

Redhead

One wayward individual spent from 27 Jul to 17 Aug at Fernald (m. obs.). The first elsewhere was also very early; Justin Bosler saw it at East Harbor on 04 Aug. Christopher Collins and Eric Elvert saw about 100 in the Enon Sand and Gravel pits, **Clark**, on 24 Nov. The next highest count was Mary Anne Romito's 50 during the ONWR auto tour on 17 Nov. Twenty-four counties provided reports.

Ring-necked Duck

Amy Weidner saw the first, nine very early birds at Magee on 13 Aug. The next were one in CVNP on 14 Sep (Michael Kardos) and two at Sandy Ridge on 17 Sep (Erik Bruder), completing the pre-Oct sightings. The highest of many triple-digit counts was 775, by Elliot Tramer et al. in CPNWR on 16 Nov. Thirty-seven counties produced reports.

Greater Scaup

Don Keffler saw the first, at Mosquito WA on 27 Oct. East Harbor produced the high count of 55, by Allen Chartier on 12 Nov. The second-highest count was only five, shared by Jeff Harvey at Headlands on 03 Nov and Jon Cefus at Sippo Lake, **Stark**, on 09 Nov. Other reports came from **Allen**, **Cuyahoga**, **Hancock**, **Lake**, **Lucas**, and **Trumbull**.

Lesser Scaup

Lorain hosted the first about three weeks earlier than usual, on 01 Sep (Elizabeth McQuaid). The next were a bit late, three birds at Cullen Park, **Lucas**, on 04 Oct (Mark and Sherry Plessner). The Findlay Reservoirs provided the high inland count of 310 on 13 Nov (Jeff Loughman), but see below for Lake Erie flock sizes. Thirty-two counties produced sightings.

Greater/Lesser Scaup

Elliot Tramer estimated that about 28,000 scaup, no doubt mostly Lessers, were in Maumee Bay itself and adjoining Lake Erie open waters on 16 Nov. Tom Kemp's 19,000 off CPNWR on 30 Oct were probably part of that concentration.

King Eider

The OBRC has one report from **Lake**.

Harlequin Duck

The reports are all from **Lake**. One bird stayed off Sunset Park from 12 to 18 Nov (Jerry Talkington, m. obs.); it was joined by a second on 16 Nov (Jen Brumfield *et al.*). John Pogacnik saw solo birds fly past his North Perry home on 16 and 24 Nov.

Surf Scoter

The first appeared on 20 Oct. Rick Asamoto saw one at Indian Lake SP, **Logan**, and John Pogacnik watched two pass his North Perry, **Lake**, lookout. The high count was 27, by Kent Miller in three flocks at Sunset Park on 23 Oct. The highest inland count was Jeff Loughman's nine at the Findlay Reservoirs on 29 Oct. Sixteen counties, of which only **Clark**, **Clermont**, and **Clinton** are south of mid-state, produced reports.

White-winged Scoter

Kent Miller saw the first, at Sunset Park on 25 Oct. Kelly Kozlowski noted 45 off Sims Park on 16 Nov for the highest count. On 26 Oct John Games and Ron Sempier found three on the Killdeer reservoir; as they watched, 15 more arrived to give them the highest inland tally. **Montgomery** was the only southern-half county of the twelve which had sightings.

Black Scoter

Three small groups totaling nine at Edgewater on 14 Oct were the first (Jen Brumfield). Sims Park again hosted the high count, 36 on 10 Nov (Nancy Anderson). The inland high was 10, at Williams Reservoir, **Allen**, on 03 Nov (Rick Asamoto). Seventeen counties from Lake Erie south to **Clermont**, **Hamilton**, and **Warren** produced reports.



Rick Asamoto scanned Lost Creek Reservoir, **Allen**, and photographed this quartet of Black Scoters among the 10 he recorded 03 Nov.

Scoter sp.

Wind, waves, and distance prevented Sally Isacco from determining the species of the 50 scoters off Sims Park on 02 Nov.

Long-tailed Duck

The first of the season's unusually high number of these visitors flew past Sunset Park with some scoters on 25 Oct (Kent Miller). One spent from 13 to 29 Nov along the Lake Erie shore from downtown Cleveland to Sims Park (m. obs.); occasionally a second was also seen and of course the sightings could actually have been of several individuals. Two flew past Huron, **Erie**, on 22 Nov (Robert Hershberger). The only bird south of mid-state hugged the Ohio bank of the Ohio River at Meldahl Dam, **Clermont**, on 20 Nov (*fide* Brian Wulker). More reports of single birds came from additional sites in **Lake** plus **Ashtabula**, **Delaware**, **Geauga**, **Muskingum**, **Paulding**, **Trumbull**, and **Wyandot**.



East 55th Street, **Cuyahoga**, featured a nearby female Long-tailed Duck that posed for Bob Lane on 14 Nov.

Bufflehead

Steven Smith saw two at Nimisila Reservoir, **Summit**, on the somewhat early date of 09 Oct. The next was Wes Hatch's solo at LaDue on 23 Oct. LaDue hosted 600 to 700 on 12 Nov (m. obs.). This count was dwarfed by the "colossal flock" of 1200 which Rob and Sandy Harlan noted at Springfield Lake, **Summit**, that same day; Rob said it was "By far the largest number I've ever seen inland." Sightings came from 39 counties.

Common Goldeneye

Anna and Julie Wittmer found two at Clear Fork on 03 Nov. Lake Erie provided the high count of 46, for Nancy Anderson off Sims Park on 28 Nov. Don Keffer saw 10 at Mosquito Lake on 29 Nov for the top inland count. Seventeen counties as far south as **Clark** and **Montgomery** produced sightings.

Hooded Merganser

Judy Hochadel noted "500+" at Mosquito Lake on 25 Nov. The second-highest of many triple-digit counts was 320 at Lake Milton SP, **Mahoning**, on 28 Nov (Ethan Kistler). Forty-five counties provided reports.

Common Merganser

Many birders reported a female with young at Conneaut from mid-Aug to 14 Sep. Twelve off Wildwood Park, **Cuyahoga**, on 30 Aug (Jen Brumfield *et al.*) might have been the first migrants from out of state; if so they were way ahead of schedule. Four off Bay Point, **Ottawa**, on 14 Sep surely came from further north (Justin Bosler); they too were earlier than expected. Paul Sherwood's 95 off Lorain on 18 Nov was the high Lake Erie count, but Bob and Denise Lane found about 170 at Pine Lake, **Mahoning**, on both 10 and 17 Nov. Reports came from 17 counties; **Hamilton** and **Perry** are the only ones of them south of mid-state.

Red-breasted Merganser

Tom Frankel reported a very early five passing Headlands on 10 Aug. Six at Conneaut on 06 Sep were also early (Don Keffer). By mid-Nov counts had reached five digits, and Robert Hershberger estimated that more than 100,000 passed Huron, **Erie**, westbound on 22 Nov. The highest inland number was about 500, at Mosquito Lake on 25 Nov (Judy Hochadel). Twenty-eight counties provided reports.

Ruddy Duck

Cody Kent found the first, at the Upper Sandusky Reservoir, **Wyandot**, on 28 Sep. The Ostermillers saw 1000 to 1800 at the Wellington Upground Reservoir, **Lorain**, on several dates between 30 Oct and 15 Nov. Sightings came from 40 counties.

Northern Bobwhite

The latest report of the season was of a single bird in **Highland** on 18 Oct (Junior Barnes), so these year-round residents were lying low after that. Sandra Griffiths saw five at an abandoned property in suburban Bedford Heights, **Cuyahoga**, on 20 Sep; they were probably releases or escapees. Reports also came from **Clermont**, **Delaware**, **Erie**, **Harrison**, **Lucas**, **Miami**, and **Stark**.

Ring-necked Pheasant

Two parties each found six in Deer Creek WA, namely Paul Hurtado on 20 Oct and Jason Sullivan and Chris Zacharias on 26 Oct. Seventeen other counties also produced sightings.

Ruffed Grouse

Scott Pendleton saw two at Clendening Lake on 04 Sep, one along McGhee Road on 14 Sep, and three at Chambers South on 19 Sep; these sites are in *Harrison*. About the last, he said they “Flushed from a strip mine spoil bank, all three at one spot. A little bit of a surprise considering there is a well pad 200 yards from here”. *Stark* Parks naturalists, off their home turf in Walborn, *Portage*, made the only other report, of one on 26 Nov.

Wild Turkey

Exactly half of our counties provided sightings. The high count was 30, in the Hazel Willis Woods section of Charles Mill Lake SP, *Ashland*, on 01 Nov (Gary Cowell and Tim Leslie).

Red-throated Loon

The first few showed up on 01 Nov at widely separated locations. The Lanes saw two off Conneaut Township Park, *Ashtabula*, and Jeffrey Pontius found one in the Watermark Quarries, *Franklin*. Other doubles came from CLNP on 09 Nov (Lisa Phelps) and Clear Fork on 18 Nov (Jason Hull). Singles were also reported in *Clermont*, *Cuyahoga*, *Delaware*, *Erie*, *Highland*, *Hancock*, *Lake*, *Portage*, and *Warren*.

Pacific Loon

Reports from *Cuyahoga*, *Lake*, and *Warren* went to the OBRC.

Common Loon

Reports came throughout the season, growing both in number of sightings and number of birds as the months passed. A single bird spent from 27 Aug to 22 Oct at the Paulding Reservoirs (m. obs.). Robert Hershberger noted more than 100 off Huron, *Erie*, on 09 Nov. Gary Cowell and Jason Hull saw two on the lake and 29 more southbound overhead at Clear Fork on 03 Nov for the highest inland number. Thirty-six counties from Lake Erie to the Ohio River produced reports.

Pied-billed Grebe

Rick Asamoto and John Habig counted 116 scattered across Rocky Fork Lake, *Highland*, on 27 Nov and between 80 and 100 there on other dates. The most elsewhere was Virginia Fantetti's 60 at East Fork on 22 Oct. Sightings came from 62 counties.

Horned Grebe

The first were right on schedule, five birds on Wauseon Reservoir, *Fulton*, on 12 Sep (Brandon Brywczyński). The next were two at Beaver Creek Reservoir, *Seneca*, on 21 Sep (Loren Hintz). Tom Frankel's 500 off Sunset Park on 16 Nov was the high count. That's a big number, but other nearby areas produced counts up to 420 around that time. The tiny *Clinton* section of Caesar Creek Lake held 33 on 27 Nov (Rick Asamoto and John Habig). That group and about 35 at Alum Creek on 09 Nov (Rob Thorn) were the inland highs. Forty counties provided reports.

Red-necked Grebe

John Pogacnik saw one off North Perry, *Lake*, on 22 Sep, about a month before they usually arrive. The next was another early solo at West Branch Reservoir, *Portage*, on 19 and 20 Oct (m. obs.). The Findlay Reservoirs hosted four on 08 Nov (Jeff Loughman and Robert Sams). Singles and a few twos and threes were also seen in *Clark*, *Clermont*, *Cuyahoga*, *Delaware*, *Hamilton*, *Highland*, *Lorain*, *Mahoning*, *Morrow*, *Richland*, and *Seneca*.

Eared Grebe

One was off CLNP on 30 Oct (*vide* Jen Brumfield). It or another appeared in that general area on 25 Nov and wandered the Cleveland lakefront into Dec (m. obs.). Hoover NP, Huron (*Erie*) harbor, Williams Reservoir (*Allen*), and Killdeer each hosted one in Nov.

Northern Gannet

The OBRC has reports from several locations along the Cleveland waterfront.

Double-crested Cormorant

Justin Bosler estimated about 4000 were in Muddy Creek Bay, *Sandusky*, on 02 Oct. The highest inland number was 1260, the sum of counts of five groups which flew over the Great Miami Mitigation Bank, *Montgomery*, on 03 Nov (m. obs.). Reports came from 66 counties.

American White Pelican

One briefly visited Maumee Bay on 21 Oct (Tim Thompson). Another spent from 29 Oct to 03 Nov at Killdeer, mostly in the *Wyandot* section but occasionally venturing across the line into *Marion* (m. obs.).

The Ohio Cardinal, Fall 2013

Brown Pelican

“Brownie” arrived in Cleveland on 24 Jun and was seen there on and off until 23 Nov. Presumably the same bird was noted in **Erie** on 12 Sep, at the end of a week in which it was absent from Cleveland. The OBRC has many reports from throughout its stay.



Six months after it was first spotted on the Cleveland waterfront, this now-famous Brown Pelican was photographed by Tom Fishburn on the Cuyahoga River on 23 Nov.

American Bittern

David and Dorothy Bukovac saw one in the Chase Retention Ponds, **Delaware**, on 27 Oct. It would have been the season's last but for one which Carl Winstead accidentally flushed at Darby Creek on 11 Nov. Justin Bosler found four during his search of 10 acres at Winous Horseshoe on 06 Oct. The rest of the reports, all of single birds, came from **Franklin, Hamilton, Lake, Lucas, Marion, Montgomery, Union, Wayne, and Wyandot**.

Least Bittern

Six were reported:

- On 02 Aug along the Magee causeway (Derek Dunaway)
- On 02 Aug in the Miami Whitewater wetlands (Paul Wharton)
- On 05 Aug, an immature bird at Nimisila Reservoir, **Summit** (the Harlans)
- On 27 Aug from the CCE Trail (Jen Brumfield, Craig Caldwell, *et al.*)
- On 31 Aug at Big Island (Ron Sempier)
- On 12 Sep in the Grand Valley Preserve, **Hamilton** (Tracy Cambron)

Great Blue Heron

Robert Reed counted 97 in Englewood, on 15 Sep, and said there were surely more but trees were in his way. Sightings came from 76 counties.

Great Egret

Ed Pierce's ONWR census team counted 140 there on 01 Sep (*vide* Douglas Vogus). The highest inland count was 40, by Amanda Lawson in Englewood on 14 Sep. Fifty-three counties produced reports.

Snowy Egret

All of the reports came from **Erie, Lucas, Ottawa, and Sandusky**. The last sighting, and the only one in that month, was on 04 Oct at Pipe Creek WA, **Erie** (Justin Bosler). Justin also recorded the two highest counts, 11 at ONWR Blausey on 08 Aug and eight on 08 Sep at Medusa.

Little Blue Heron

Only two were reliably reported. Mark and Sherry Plessner saw theirs in a City of Toledo retention pond, **Lucas**, on 11 Aug. Jeff Harvey found another at Mill Creek on 08 Sep; William L. Jones saw it there the next day.

Cattle Egret

Two spent from 25 to 28 Aug in the small pool by the ONWR entrance (m. obs.). One was there on 22 Sep (ONWR eTT). The last wandered among several vantage points along the Great Miami River in **Montgomery** from 14 to 16 Nov (m. obs.). Other sightings came from **Ashtabula, Clermont, Erie, and Hamilton**.



This cooperative Cattle Egret paused for a nice image by photographer Ron Sempier at ONWR on 25 Aug.

Green Heron

One was calling at 11:30 pm on 07 Oct in Columbia Woods Park, **Summit** (Rob Harlan). Many birders saw one at LaDue on 13 Oct. It would have been the last but for a straggling immature bird which Gus Lanese photographed in flight along Wake Robin on 01 Nov. William L. Jones counted 29 in Mill Creek on 16 Aug. Forty-nine counties provided sightings.

Black-crowned Night-Heron

The Sandusky coal docks, *Erie*, hosted 60 on 09 Nov; only 28 were there on 26 Nov (both Paul Sherwood). The most seen elsewhere was seven, at Mill Creek on 23 Aug (Jeff Harvey). Reports came from 15 counties.

Glossy Ibis

The OBRC has reports from *Ottawa* and *Sandusky*.

Plegadis sp. Ibis

The OBRC has a report from *Cuyahoga*.

Black Vulture

Ashland and *Richland* are the northernmost of the 25 counties with sightings. The high count was 65, by Joe Jennings on 21 Nov at The Ridges, an OSU property in *Athens*.

Turkey Vulture

Migration brought 386 birds over Tom Kemp's *Wood* home during a half hour of watching on 28 Oct. The highest count away from that west-of-Lake Erie migration corridor was 150 in *Coshocton* on 11 Nov (William Wood). All but eight counties produced reports.

Osprey

Jen Moore and Jason Parrish saw the last, at Buck Creek on 11 Nov. The second last were two at Lost Creek Reservoir, *Allen*, on 05 Nov (Jerome Sullivan and Chris Zacharias). These are not especially late dates; often birds are seen until the end of Nov. The high count of six was shared by three parties: Jen Moore and Jason Parrish at Alum Creek on 03 Aug; the Harlans at Nimisila Reservoir, *Summit*, on 15 Aug; and Shane Myers at the Findlay Reservoirs on 22 Sep. Reports came from 50 counties.

Swallow-tailed Kite

A report from *Hancock* went to the OBRC.

Golden Eagle

The season's first passed over Rachele Kappler at Meadowbrook on 13 Oct. Eight other single birds were sighted during the season, in *Hancock*, *Logan*, *Lucas* (2), *Paulding*, *Sandusky*, *Wayne*, and *Wood*.

Northern Harrier

Most of the sightings were after Aug as migrants and winter visitors arrived. Jeffrey Pontius counted 12 at Darby Creek on 11 Nov and observers saw five to 10 there on other dates. The most elsewhere were the five which Dan and Lynn Gesualdo found at Killdeer on 05 Nov. Thirty-nine counties produced reports.

Sharp-shinned Hawk

This species' fall migration tends to not have the concentrations that spring does. Rick Nirschl saw three over his *Lucas* home on 25 Oct and there were many reports of two birds. Forty-one counties had sightings.

Cooper's Hawk

Rob Clifford found six in the Shawnee Prairie Preserve, *Darke*, on 17 Sep. The next highest number was three from several locations on several dates. Reports came from 61 counties.

Northern Goshawk

The OBRC has reports from *Cuyahoga*, *Lucas*, and *Wayne*.

Bald Eagle

As is often the case, the Conneaut breakwall hosted the largest concentration. Jeff Harvey saw 46 there on 02 Aug and 20 to 43 were reported on other dates. The largest inland number was David Weaver's 22 at Funk on 22 Aug. Greg Miller had noted 13 there on 17 Aug and commented, "All sub adult. High count due to water draw down and concentrated fish". Fifty-eight counties provided reports.

Red-shouldered Hawk

Kathi Hutton and Bill Stanley shared the high count of four. Kathi's were at the Crooked Run NP, *Clermont*, on 14 Sep. Bill's were one county east at Indian Creek WA, *Brown*, on 22 Sep. Forty-eight counties yielded sightings.

Broad-winged Hawk

Matt Anderson wrote, "Spiraling kettles and groups of streaming birds extended as far as the eye could see from northeast to southwest. We only had ten minutes to watch, and the hawks were still coming from the northeast when we left. I estimated no fewer than 900 in that short period. There may have been far more birds than that involved in this flight. The migration of Broad-winged hawks is one of nature's really neat spectacles!" He was southwest of Toledo, *Lucas*, on 15 Sep. He had seen 135 over his nearby home the day before. The high count elsewhere was 75, as groups of three to six passed Michael Vanderhorst's *Shelby* home on 29 Sep. John Gribble reported the last, from the Emily Traphagen Preserve, *Delaware*, on 21 Oct. Sightings came from 31 counties.

Swainson's Hawk

The OBRC has reports from *Franklin* and *Hancock*.

Red-tailed Hawk

Tom Kemp saw 13 over Grand Rapids, *Wood*, on 29 Oct. Ed Pierce *et al.* matched that count in ONWR on 03 Nov (*vide* Douglas Vogus). The OBRC has a report of a dark western morph bird in *Cuyahoga*. Seventy-four counties produced sightings.

Rough-legged Hawk

The first of these winter visitors showed up on Sunbury Road, *Delaware*, on 03 Oct (Elaine Snively). Four had settled in along Industrial Park Drive, *Harrison*, by 24 Nov (Scott Pendleton). Eighteen counties had sightings; of them only *Perry* and *Warren* are south of mid-state.

Yellow Rail

The OBRC has reports from a *Lake* location.

King Rail

Jeffrey Pontius reported hearing one at Darby Creek on 04 Aug. Scott Pendleton saw one in the Tappan Drainage Area, *Harrison*, on 17 Aug.

Virginia Rail

The high count was four, at Darby Creek on 27 Aug (Irina Shulgina), and there were several reports of two there and elsewhere. The only Nov sighting was of a bird in Spring Valley WA, *Greene*, on 26 Nov (Christopher Collins and Amanda Lawson). At least one had spent the winter of 2012-13 there. Reports also came from *Clark, Delaware, Erie, Geauga, Harrison, Holmes, Lake, Ottawa, Pickaway*, and *Union*.

Sora

Tom Kemp counted 15 at ONWR on 28 Sep and noted, "Soras were calling from many different locations in the marsh NW of the old parking lot; this is peak migration period for this species". The second-highest number was Cory Chiappone's seven at Wake Robin on 12 Sep. Wake Robin also hosted the last sighting, on 28 Oct (Dick Hoopes). The second-last reports were a couple weeks earlier, on 17 Oct, when Chris Zacharias saw one in Deer Creek SP and Phil Swan another at Lake Saint Joseph, *Perry*. Twenty-two counties produced sightings.

Common Gallinule

Gene Stauffer made the highest of the several double-digit counts, 14 at Big Island on 11 Aug. Paul Hurtado saw the last two birds, at Deer Creek Lake on 06 Oct. *Erie, Geauga,*

Harrison, Lorain, Lucas, Mahoning, Ottawa, Wayne, and Wyandot also provided sightings.

American Coot

Rocky Fork Lake, *Highland*, hosted at least 1000 throughout Nov (m. obs.) with a high count of 1500 on 16 Nov (Rick Asamoto). Reports came from 46 counties.

Sandhill Crane

Brian Wulker spent 28 Nov birding from Lost Bridge to Fernald and noted about 1400 cranes that day. Joe Kappa counted nine flocks passing Lost Bridge in 40 minutes on 27 Nov for a total of 688 birds. Thirty-two counties yielded sightings.

Whooping Crane

The OBRC has reports from two *Hamilton* locations.

American Avocet

A host of birders saw five at Alum Creek on 21 Aug; Don Keffer noted the same number at Conneaut the next day. However, eight at Conneaut on 19 Oct was the high count (m. obs.). The last sighting was at CLNP on 03 Nov (m. obs.). Seventeen counties provided reports.



This beautifully plumaged American Avocet was chronicled by Karen Kassouf at Edgewater on 01 Aug.

Black-bellied Plover

A single mid-Jul sighting preceded this season's first, three birds which Kenn Kaufman found along Route 590 south of Route 2, *Ottawa*, on 01 Aug. William L. Jones counted 30 at the Berlin Reservoir, *Portage*, mudflats on 17 Sep. A single bird at CPNWR on 01 Nov closed the season (Mark Rozmarynowycz). Reports came from 16 counties.

American Golden-Plover

Scott Myers saw the first, five at the Thomas Wetlands, **Paulding**, on 12 Aug. Jeff Harvey noted that 108 along Wilderness Road on 19 Sep were “easily counted and close in”. The last few were in CPNWR; Mark Rozmarynowycz saw five there on 18 Oct and Tom Kemp the last, a solo on 30 Oct. Nineteen counties had sightings.

Semipalmated Plover

Their migration began in Jul and continued until 29 Oct, when Bob Powell saw the last at Cowan Lake, **Clinton**. East Harbor and nearby sites hosted at least 100 in late Aug; John Habig and Jen Brumfield estimated 125 there on 24 and 27 Aug respectively. The highest count away from the northwest coast was 25 along Wilderness Road on 23 Aug (Kent Miller). Thirty-seven counties produced reports.

Piping Plover

Reports went to the OBRC from **Lake** and **Ottawa**.



Chuck Slusarczyk, Jr. discovered and beautifully documented this unbanded juvenile Piping Plover on 13 Aug at Headlands.

Killdeer

Justin Bosler estimated 450 were working a grassy field along Route 850, **Ottawa**, from 01 to 03 Aug. The most elsewhere were 260 in the **Fayette** section of Deer Creek WA on 03 Nov (Paul Hurtado). Seventy-two counties provided reports.

Spotted Sandpiper

Sightings were fairly steady until the last, which came from Wendy Park on 30 Oct (Jen Brumfield). Wendy Park also hosted the high count of 43, on 05 Aug (Elizabeth McQuaid and Chuck Slusarczyk, Jr.). Sightings came from 53 counties.

Solitary Sandpiper

Scott Huger noted one at LaDue on 20 Oct, a couple of weeks past this species' usual latest date. Gary Cowell's three at Lexington Community Park, **Richland**, on 17 Oct, and a fair number at other locations to that date more than hint at a pattern. Three sites shared the high count of 14: Fernald on 05 Aug (Brian Walker), Funk on 07 Aug (the Ostermillers), and the Cincinnati Zoo's Eco-Wetland, **Hamilton**, on 09 Aug (Brian Walker). Forty-three counties produced reports.

Greater Yellowlegs

Mill Creek hosted the latest; John Petruzzi found one there on 14 Nov. In contrast to the Solitary Sandpiper's migration, this is about a month earlier than the historical “last” date. Jeff Loughman and Jeff Harvey shared high count honors with 21; Loughman's were in Liberty, **Hancock**, on 13 Aug, and Harvey's at East Harbor on 28 Aug. Forty-one counties had sightings.

Willet

The only counts exceeding one were of 10 which flew past Wendy Park on 09 Aug (Chuck Slusarczyk, Jr.), six Conneaut flybys on 03 Aug (Dave Inman), and two on the Cleveland waterfront on 24 Aug (Elizabeth McQuaid). The second to last sighting (06 Sep by Craig Holt and Don Keffer) and last (25 Sep by Chris Swan) were at Conneaut. **Hancock**, **Ottawa**, and **Trumbull** also produced sightings.

Lesser Yellowlegs

Jeff Harvey found about 450 along Riddle Road, **Sandusky**, on 18 Aug. The transient wetlands along Township Road 178 in **Seneca** held about 250 to 275 on several Aug dates (m. obs.). The rest of the triple-digit counts also came from those two locations. The last sighting was right on time, a single bird at Englewood on 14 Nov (Bev and Ed Neubauer). Forty-six counties provided reports.

Upland Sandpiper

All of the reports were of single birds. The first of the season showed up well south, at Lost Bridge on 04 Aug (m. obs.), though a few migrants had arrived on the north coast in Jul. Rob Harlan noted the last when a calling bird flew over Columbia Woods Park, **Summit**, on 13 Sep. Between those dates others appeared in **Clermont**, **Cuyahoga**, **Darke**, **Harrison**, **Montgomery**, **Ottawa**, and **Wayne**.

Whimbrel

Four Jul reports preceded fall's first, which came from Conneaut on 02 Aug (Chris Zacharias). The second to last sighting, and highest count, was of three along the Magee causeway on 29 Sep by a group of birders from San Diego. The last was at least a month later than normal; it was a solo at Headlands on 03 Nov (m. obs.). Two *Lorain* sites and one in each of *Ottawa* and *Wayne* also hosted birds.

Hudsonian Godwit

Jeff Loughman and Shane Myers noted the first, along Township Road 180, *Hancock*, on 15 Aug. Kenn Kaufman found three in the CCE on 10 Sep and up to eight were along Wilderness Road between 13 and 22 Sep. Justin Bosler saw the last, at Willow Point WA, *Erie*, on 04 Oct. Singles in *Ashtabula*, *Lucas*, *Ottawa*, and *Stark* complete the list of sightings.



Conneaut boasted an array of migrating shorebirds on 29 Sept, where Tom Fishburn snapped this handsome Hudsonian Godwit with a Long-billed Dowitcher.

Marbled Godwit

Robert Sams saw the first of the season, in Younger's Wetlands, *Hancock*, on 04 Aug, though there were two Jul sightings. The other reports are:

One at Carlisle Reservation, *Lorain*, on 05 Aug (BRAS)

Two or three seen from the CCE Trail between 22 and 29 Aug (m. obs.)

Two at Metzger on 23 Aug (Tim Thompson)

One at the Bellevue "skyponds", *Seneca*, on 31 Aug (the Harlans)

Two which flew over Big Island on 31 Aug (Ron Sempier)

Ruddy Turnstone

One was seen along Wilderness Road between 16 and 22 Sep, the latest date (m. obs.). Was it the same bird for that whole week? And curiously, there are often sightings well into

Oct. The high count was four, at Wendy Park on 05 Aug (Elizabeth McQuaid and Chuck Slusarczyk, Jr.). The remaining sightings, all of one or two birds, came from *Ashtabula*, *Ottawa*, and *Sandusky*.

Red Knot

A single early Jul sighting preceded this season's first, at East Harbor on 04 Aug (Jeff Harvey). Jeff Loughman and Shane Myers saw the next on 15 Aug, along Township Road 180 in *Hancock*. East Harbor hosted two for several days in mid-Sep (m. obs.) and the last, a single on 24 Sep (Kenn Kaufman). Other reports of single birds came from *Erie*, *Lorain*, and *Sandusky*.

Stilt Sandpiper

This species' migration was well underway in Jul. It ended earlier than usual, with the last sighting on 15 Oct when multiple observers saw one in Detwiler Marsh, *Lucas*. The Harlans counted 88 at East Harbor on 31 Aug, the highest of many double-digit counts there. The high elsewhere was 20 by Margaret Bowman and Ben Warner along Wilderness Road on 10 Sep. Twenty-six counties all the way to the Ohio River produced reports.

Sanderling

Quite a few Jul sightings preceded this season's. Headlands provided the last two sightings. Tom Frankel saw one there on 27 Oct and Sean Laboda found it or another on 03 Nov. East Harbor provided the high count of 22, for Justin Bosler on 13 Sep. Eighteen counties as far south as *Clermont* had sightings.

Dunlin

The first sightings were on 12 Aug. Cody Kent found one in Bucyrus, *Crawford*, and Justin Bosler another on West Schiller Road, *Ottawa*. More than three weeks passed before the next sighting, Justin Bosler's two birds at Winous Point on 05 Sep. Chris Swan saw the last two of the season, at Conneaut on 28 Nov, though there were more sightings there in early Dec. Mark Rozmarynowycz provided the highest count, 100 at CPNWR on 01 Nov; the inland high count was Paul Hurtado's 81 at Deer Creek SP on 03 Nov. Thirty counties yielded sightings.

Purple Sandpiper

The first not only arrived earlier than usual, but were also far from their normal Lake Erie shore haunts: Up to three spent from 23 to 26 Oct at East Fork (m. obs.). More nearly typical, though still a higher than usual number, were the eight which Jerry Talkington found in *Lake* between Headlands and Fairport Harbor (*fide* Jen Brumfield). Reports of one or two also came from *Erie*, *Cuyahoga*, and other *Lake* sites.

Baird's Sandpiper

The season began on 01 Aug with one bird at Conneaut (Jamie Doshier) and one on Township Road 81, *Hancock* (Jeff Loughman and Shane Myers). (There was one late Jul sighting as well.) The high count was eight, which Jen Brumfield called an "incredible number" when she saw them at Burke on 11 Aug. The last spent 02 Oct at Deer Creek SP (Alex Champagne). Reports came from 18 counties as far south as *Hamilton*.

Least Sandpiper

Sightings began in Jul and continued until 03 Nov. That day, Mark Moore saw three at Conneaut and Paul Hurtado another two at Deer Creek WA. Victor Fazio III counted 285 at East Harbor on 13 Aug. The Ostermillers found 90 along Wilderness Road on 13 Aug for the highest count away from Lake Erie. Forty-three counties contributed reports.

White-rumped Sandpiper

Justin Bosler saw the first, at East Harbor on 04 Aug. Su Snyder saw the last, by Wilderness Road on 27 Oct. More than a month had passed since the second-last sightings, which were on 24 Sep at three locations. The high count of five was also shared by three locations on four dates between 16 Aug and 17 Sep. Fourteen counties had sightings; the southernmost of them is *Warren*.

Buff-breasted Sandpiper

One showed up at Lost Bridge on 03 Aug (*fide* Jack Stenger) and stayed until 06 Aug for multiple observers. Jeffrey Pontius noted one flying over Darby Creek on 04 Aug. The next sighting was not until 22 Aug when Shane Myers saw one along Township Road 180 in *Hancock*. The last spent from 21 to 29 Sep at the Findlay Reservoirs (Jeff Loughman, m. obs.). Sherrie Duris saw three by Cedar Point Road, *Lucas*, on 03 Sep and there were several reports of two birds. Thirteen counties contributed sightings.

Pectoral Sandpiper

Two which showed up at Pickerington Ponds on 15 Nov (Joe Baldwin) stayed another day for Rob Thorn to comment on the "late flourish of shorebirds". Wet areas along Riddle Road, *Sandusky*, hosted 350 on 10 Aug (Ben Warner). The high count elsewhere was 125, at Wilderness Road on 16 Sep (Dan and Lynn Gesualdo). Reports came from 45 counties.

Semipalmated Sandpiper

Pickerington Ponds also hosted the last of these; Michael Lamont saw one there on 15 Oct. Up to 200 swarmed East Harbor for several days in mid-Aug (m. obs.). The next highest count was 100, from Riddle Road, *Sandusky*, on 10 and 12 Aug (Ben Warner, Justin Bosler). Forty-two counties produced sightings.

Western Sandpiper

Four locations provided first-day sightings on 05 Aug. Irina Shulgina saw the last, in Deer Creek WA on 30 Oct. The high count was four; Jeff Harvey noted them at East Harbor on 18 Aug. Twenty counties provided reports.

Short-billed Dowitcher

These began arriving in early Jul and they passed through until 01 Oct. On that day Justin Bosler saw one in the CCE. The biggest concentration was of 48 at Willow Point WA, *Erie*, on 26 Aug (Justin Bosler). The highest inland count was 20, along Wilderness Road on 23 Aug (Kent Miller) and 01 Sep (Steve Landes). Reports came from 17 counties all the way to *Hamilton* and *Warren*.

Long-billed Dowitcher

Jeff Loughman and Shane Myers saw the first, two along Township Road 180, *Hancock*, on 15 Aug. The last were two which John Shrader found at Caesar Creek on 16 Nov. The 03 Oct ONWR census counted 294 (Ed Pierce *et al.*, *fide* Douglas Vogus). This number dwarfed the highest elsewhere, 19 at Pickerel Creek WA, *Sandusky*, on 26 Aug (Justin Bosler). Thirteen counties produced reports.

Wilson's Snipe

Winous Point on 23 Aug and ONWR on 23 Sep each hosted 50 (Justin Bosler). The highest number away from the northwest marshes was 28 at the Shreve Fish Pond, *Wayne*, on 23 Sep (Su Snyder). Thirty-four counties yielded sightings.

American Woodcock

Paul Sherwood saw the last of the season (and the year) as it flew over him in *Marion* on 30 Nov. Kent Miller saw three along Howell's Egypt Road, *Columbiana*, on 22 Oct and two on several dates between then and 16 Nov. He wrote, "These 2 birds continue to do mini versions of their courtship displays near dusk every warm evening I am in this area." The other reports were all of single birds; overall, reports came from 16 counties.

Wilson's Phalarope

A single Jul sighting preceded this season's first, a bird by Washburn Road, *Marion*, on 03 Aug (Irina Shulgina). The second showed up at Riddle Road, *Sandusky*, on 12 Aug (Justin Bosler) and the high count was also there, six birds on 15 Aug (Kent Miller). Pickerington Ponds hosted the last on 22 Sep (Andy Sewell). Reports came from the above three counties and *Cuyahoga, Erie, Hancock, Harrison, Ottawa, Seneca*, and *Wayne*.

Red-necked Phalarope

Steve Landes saw the first, along Riddle Road on 11 Aug. One spent 17 to 21 Aug on the Great Miami River in *Montgomery* (m. obs.). East Harbor hosted the most, 10 on 21 Sep (m. obs.). Justin Bosler saw the last, on 30 Sep in the CCE. *Cuyahoga, Erie, Hancock, Huron, Seneca, Stark*, and *Wayne* also contributed sightings.

Red Phalarope

Jeff Loughman found the first rather early, at the Findlay Reservoirs on 14 Sep. One spent from 23 Nov into Dec along the eastern Cleveland lakefront (m. obs.). The rest of the sightings, also of single birds, came from *Erie, Lorain, Lucas*, and *Ottawa*.



Tom Fishburn skillfully captured this Red Phalarope feasting on an Emerald Shiner at Edgewater Marina on 29 Nov.

Pomarine Jaeger

The sightings were:

At Sunset Park, one on 25 Oct (Kent Miller and Ben Morrison), three on 26 Oct (Jerry Talkington), and one on 17 Nov (*fide* Bob Lane).

At Headlands, one on 28 Oct (Cory Chiappone)

At Edgewater, one on 02 Nov (Jen Brumfield) and one on 12 Nov (Kent Miller)

At North Perry, *Lake*, one on each of 10 Nov and 23 Nov (John Pogacnik)

Parasitic Jaeger

The OBRC has reports from *Cuyahoga, Erie, Lake, Lorain*, and *Ottawa*.

Jaeger sp.

Jen Brumfield noted distant birds on 31 Aug at Edgewater and on 01 Sep during an offshore trip; she suspects they were Long-tailed Jaegers but could not confirm them.

Black-legged Kittiwake

One passed John Pogacnik's *Lake* home on 10 Nov and Jen Brumfield saw one from her Cleveland west side lakewatch perch on 12 Nov. Another spent from 23 to 27 Nov at Cleveland's East 5 5th Street and other nearby vantage points.



This first-winter Black-legged Kittiwake, photographed on 24 Nov by Chuck Slusarczyk, Jr., was an entertaining addition to the gull circus at the 55th Street Marina, *Cuyahoga*.

Sabine's Gull

Gabe Leidy saw one 11 miles off the *Lorain* shore on 25 Aug. Two months passed before Tom Bartlett saw another off Kelleys Island on 01 Nov. A third spent 03 to 12 Nov in Cleveland, mostly near CLNP (m. obs.).



This stunning adult Sabine's Gull was photographed by Jerry Talkington at CLNP on 05 Nov.

Bonaparte's Gull

Elizabeth McQuaid estimated 20,000 were at and near Cleveland's East 55th Street marina on 27 Nov. Lake Erie also produced many four-digit counts. The inland high was about 3000 at Mosquito Lake on 23 Nov (Ethan Kistler). Reports came from 46 counties.

Black-headed Gull

Reports went to the OBRC from *Ashtabula*, *Cuyahoga*, and *Lake*.

Little Gull

Jen Brumfield saw the first, off Lakewood Park, *Cuyahoga*, on 03 Aug. Robert Foppe and Jennifer Smolenski saw the next at Headlands on 13 Sep. Lake Erie sightings were fairly regular from 01 Nov on. Two first-winter birds spent 22 to 27 Nov on Cleveland's west side (m. obs.). Birds were also seen well off *Erie* and *Lorain*.



Photographer Chuck Slusarczyk, Jr. found this second-winter Little Gull well positioned for comparison with a Bonaparte's Gull at Edgewater on 18 Nov.

Laughing Gull

Four locations provided sightings, which are listed chronologically:
Off Lakewood Park, *Cuyahoga*, on 27 Aug (Jen Brumfield and Craig Caldwell *et al.*)
The *Erie* shore and further offshore on 15 Sep (m. obs.)
The CCE Trail on 27 Sep (Greg Miller)
Edgewater on 18 Oct and 11 Nov (Jen Brumfield *et al.*)
Conneaut on 23 Oct (Craig Holt)

Franklin's Gull

Nine locations provided sightings, again listed chronologically:
Camp Perry, *Ottawa*, one on 03 Sep (Justin Bosler)
Deer Creek SP, one on 02 and 03 Oct (m. obs.)

Alum Creek, one between 08 and 19 Oct (m. obs.)

Younger's Wetlands, *Hancock*, one on 11 Oct (Robert Sams)

Caesar Creek, six on 20 and 21 Oct (Donald Morse, Jr.)

East Fork, up to six between 20 and 31 Oct (m. obs.)

Findlay Reservoirs, up to three between 22 Oct and 06 Nov (Jeff Loughman)

Clear Fork, one on 07 Nov and two on 10 Nov (Gary Cowell)

North Perry, *Lake*, one on 17 Nov (John Pogacnik)

Ring-billed Gull

Several observers estimated 10,000 were in Cleveland Harbor on 23 Nov. The inland high count was Jeff Loughman's 4500 at the Findlay Reservoirs on 19 Nov. Reports came from 61 counties.

Herring Gull

Jeff Loughman spent 90 minutes at the Findlay Reservoirs on 13 Nov and tallied 3174 Herrings. He added, "I did a count using a tally clicker. I've never seen this many non-adult Herring Gulls at the reservoir before." One *Erie* and two *Cuyahoga* locations each hosted "only" 2500 on other dates. Forty-eight counties produced reports.

Thayer's Gull

The four reports are:

One at Buck Creek on 03 Nov (Doug Overacker)

Two at the Findlay Reservoirs on 13 Nov (Jeff Loughman)

One at Edgewater on 23 Nov (Jen Brumfield)

One at Cleveland's East 55th Street marina on 26 and 27 Nov (Jen Brumfield)

Iceland Gull

Kenn Kaufman found a "classic adult Kumlin's" at Huron harbor, *Erie*, on 16 Nov and added that it was "not record-early [but] definitely on the early side".

Lesser Black-backed Gull

A few late Jul sightings preceded this season's first, which wandered Wendy Park and nearby on 05 and 06 Aug (m. obs.). There were four more Aug sightings in *Ashtabula*, *Cuyahoga*, *Erie*, and *Ottawa*. Jeff Loughman found 28 at the Findlay Reservoirs on 19 Nov, an impressive high count for the season and especially so for an inland site. The second-highest count was also inland, 12 at the *Richland* end of Clear Fork on 11 Nov (John Herman). The most at any Lake Erie site was seven, at Cleveland's East 55th Street marina on 26 Nov (Jen Brumfield). Thirteen counties as far south as *Fayette* had sightings.

Glaucous Gull

One had spent the end of Jun and all of Jul near Wendy Park; it was last reported on 11 Aug by Mary Gustafson. The next sighting was on the typical "first" date of 23 Nov, at Cleveland harbor (m. obs.) and that bird roved the local shore into Dec. One was seen at the Findlay Reservoirs on 25 and 29 Nov (m. obs.). The only other report was of a bird at Metzger on 29 Nov (John Pogacnik).

[Herring x Glaucous Gull]

The three reports are:

A third-year "Nelson's" at Edgewater on 16 Nov (Jen Brumfield)

An adult at the Findlay Reservoirs on 24 Nov (Robert Sams)

A second-year bird at East 55th Street, Cleveland, on 26 Nov (Jen Brumfield)

Great Black-backed Gull

Philip Chaon counted 35 at the Edgewater marina on 26 Nov, and the second-highest number was Sandra Griffiths' 11 at nearby Wendy Park the next day. Every county fronting on Lake Erie produced reports. The inland sightings were of single birds at three locations, though as many as five individuals might be represented. These reports came from Alum Creek between 09 and 22 Aug and on 07 Sep (m. obs.), at the Findlay Reservoirs on 07 Oct and 02 and 03 Nov (Jeff Loughman, Shane Myers), and along Township Road 107, *Hancock*, on 22 Nov (Mark Rozmarynowycz).

Caspian Tern

Kent Miller made the last report, a single bird at Huron harbor, *Erie*, on 07 Nov. Justin Bosler counted 185 at East Harbor on 04 Aug as migration got underway. Maria Losey noted the inland high number of 25 at Alum Creek

SP beach on 20 Aug. Reports came from 35 counties.

Black Tern

One spent from 05 to 09 Nov in the Edgewater-Wendy Park area (m. obs.); it was the last. Usually they've left the state by mid-Sep, and Jen Brumfield commented, "incredible late bird, foraging just off the breakwall mouth directly north of the river, with Bonaparte's and Commons!!" The second-latest sighting was more nearly normal; Steve Jones saw five birds at Indian Lake SP, *Logan*, on 21 Sep. Jen Brumfield *et al.* counted 41 about 10 miles off Port Clinton, *Ottawa*, on 25 Aug. Reports also came from *Erie*, *Delaware*, *Franklin*, *Sandusky*, *Seneca*, and *Warren*. Curiously, none were seen in *Lucas* though they have nested there off and on.

Common Tern

Sandra Griffiths saw one at CLNP on 18 Nov, the latest date. Often some remain into Dec but none did this year. Michael O'Brien noted a "steady southbound flight" at the Marblehead Lighthouse, *Ottawa*, on 20 Sep and counted 4830. Other lakeshore sites recorded up to 4000 about that same time. Steve Jones tallied the inland high number of 40 at Indian Lake SP, *Logan*, on 21 Sep. Twenty-one counties provided reports; the southernmost were *Clark* and *Montgomery*.

Forster's Tern

Allen Chartier saw two at East Harbor on 12 Nov, a typical last date. The CCE hosted 750 on 12 Sep (Justin Bosler); the inland top count was 21, at the Findlay Reservoirs on 07 Oct (Jeff Loughman and Shane Myers). Reports came from 24 counties south to the Ohio River.

Royal Tern

The OBRC has reports from *Lake* and *Pickaway*.

Rock Pigeon

Tracy Hammer counted 290 at the Fishinger Road bridge over the Scioto River, *Franklin*, on 03 Nov. Sixty-four counties had sightings.

Eurasian Collared-Dove

Reports from *Clark*, *Franklin*, and *Mercer* went to the OBRC.

Mourning Dove

Alex Champagne and Anthony Fries estimated 500 were feeding in a winter wheat field near Darby Creek on 14 Aug. All but eight counties produced sightings.

Yellow-billed Cuckoo

Rachele Kappler provided the last sighting, at Meadowbrook on 13 Oct. The high count of three was shared by Charles Bombaci along Dustin Road, *Delaware*, on 01 Aug, Bill Stanley at East Fork on 17 Aug, and T.S. Infeld at Side Cut MP, *Lucas*, on 06 Sep. There were many reports of two birds from the 37 counties with sightings.

Black-billed Cuckoo

The last report came from Bur Oak Reservation, *Lorain*, on 10 Oct (BRAS). The second to last date was 28 Sep; James Fletcher reported one at each of five locations in *Jefferson* that day. (Three of them were in Fernwood SE, which had many breeding records during OBBA II.) Tom Bartlett's census crew tallied three on Kelleys Island on 20 Aug. Twenty-one counties produced reports.

Barn Owl

One called as it flew over Robert Hershberger's home in *Holmes* before dawn on 22 Nov.

Eastern Screech-Owl

One was calling in Cory Chiappone's *Lake* yard after midnight on 09 Aug. Cody Kent saw five, probably a family group, near Bucyrus, *Crawford*, on 20 Aug. Reports came from 27 counties.

Great Horned Owl

The high count was four. Chris Zacharias found them in Germantown MP, *Montgomery*, on 13 Oct. Junior Barnes matched that number in his "Field and Forest" birding site in *Highland* on 28 Oct. Thirty-one counties produced sightings.

Snowy Owl

The first of a phenomenal invasion showed up in Mosquito WA on 22 Nov and stayed at least two more days (m. obs.). Several were scattered along the *Cuyahoga* shore beginning on 26 Nov (m. obs.) and up to four were occupying Burke by month's end (Jen Brumfield). One on Middle Bass Island, *Ottawa*, on 29 Nov (Lisa Brohl) completes the season's sightings, which only hinted at the flood to come.

Barred Owl

Alexander Clark found a female with three owlets in *Greene* on 10 Aug. Virginia Fantetti heard at least four calling at East Fork on 25 Sep. Thirty-two counties provided reports.

Long-eared Owl

David Tan reported that one flew in to investigate his squeaking at Darby Creek on 21 Oct.

Short-eared Owl

David Tan reported three at Darby Creek on 21 Oct. Craig Holt saw one at Conneaut on 23 Oct. Darby Creek also hosted the high count, 11 on 10 Nov (Joe Baldwin and Jeffrey Pontius). The Rehoboth Reclaim Area, *Perry*, held five to seven on several Nov dates (Joe Faulkner). *Cuyahoga*, *Erie*, *Guernsey*, *Hamilton*, *Hardin*, *Harrison*, *Lake*, *Lucas*, *Marion*, and *Wood* also had sightings.

Northern Saw-whet Owl

Lester Peyton discovered one at the CNC Long Branch Farm on 01 Nov. Amber Hart found another that same day at Salt Fork SP, *Guernsey*. Observers saw one or two in CLNP from 20 Nov into Dec. Singles in other *Cuyahoga* locations and *Montgomery* complete the sightings other than those by banders described below.

Alexander Clark banded three near the Caesar Creek office on 07 Nov.



This resting Northern Saw-whet Owl caught the eye of photographer Chuck Slusarczyk, Jr. at CLNP on 20 Nov.

Tom Bartlett operated for 22 nights on Kelleys Island. He captured four new Saw-whets and one Eastern Screech-owl in Oct and nine Saw-whets in Nov. He also recaptured a Saw-whet which David Russell had banded on 12 Oct 2012 in Hueston Woods SP, *Preble*. He commented that his numbers were only 10% of those in 2012.

Kelly Williams wrote me that she and Bob Scott Placier "only ran the NSWOW station in Chillicothe [*Ross*] on 5 nights during the fall of 2013 and most of the nights, the weather just did not cooperate (windy or spotty rain). On 8 November 2013, the weather conditions were right and we captured 6 NSWOWs in less than 4

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hours. Of those, 4 were hatch years (3 Female, 1 unknown gender), one was an After Second Year male, and we had one adult (AHY) female.

Bob Scott Placier added that he banded three on the Hocking College campus, where he teaches. He caught one of them on 04 Nov and the other two on 07 Nov.

Common Nighthawk

Stephen Vessey saw the last, on 10 Oct at Maumee Bay. John Gribble had seen the second-last on 02 Oct in Kiwanis Riverway Park, **Franklin**. Mark Skinner noted a migration concentration of about 440 at the north end of Paint Creek Lake, **Highland**, on 01 Sep. Reports came from 42 counties.



Photographer Allan Claybon managed to successfully track the erratic flight of this Common Nighthawk on 8 Sept at Englewood.

Chimney Swift

Elliot Tramer wrote, "A dense cloud of swifts rotated above a chimney in west Toledo [**Lucas**] at dusk on August 30. It was difficult to estimate the number of birds involved; surely there must have been close to 1,000. The swirl of birds was about 150 ft. wide; as the mass rotated they dropped a few at a time into the chimney. This went on for at least 20 minutes, and some swifts were still circling when it became too dark to see." A similar number had been over Burke early on 11 Aug (Jen Brumfield). Jen also provided the latest sighting, a single bird over Lake Road, **Cuyahoga**, on 26 Oct. Sixty-six counties had sightings.

Ruby-throated Hummingbird

A leucistic hatch-year female spent from 22 Oct to 19 Nov at Inniswood Metro Gardens, **Franklin**. Allen Chartier confirmed the identity when he banded it. It stayed the latest; the second-last was one which spent from 13 to 27 Oct at Linda Househower's residence in **Allen**. The high count was 27, by Sean Ricker at Sandy Ridge on 17 Aug. There were several counts in the 10 to 15 range. Fifty-five counties produced reports.

Rufous Hummingbird

The data in the following table are provided by Allen Chartier, who diligently bands and monitors our visiting hummers. The entries are sorted by their "First Observed" dates.

Location and County	Age	Sex	First Observed	Banded	Last Observed
South of Charm, Holmes	HY	F	10 Sep	05 Nov	18 Nov
North Royalton, Cuyahoga	AHY	F	~01 Oct	08 Dec	11 Dec
Oxford, Butler	Ad	M	06 Oct	(not banded)	~21 Oct
Westerville, Delaware	AHY	M	~12 Oct	(not banded)	14 Dec
Williamsburg, Clermont	AHY	F	17 Oct	09 Nov	15 Nov
Toledo, Lucas	AHY	F	17 Oct	10 Nov	26 Nov
Oxford, Butler	AHY	F	~26 Oct	(see notes)	15 Nov
Near Sugarcreek, Holmes	AHY	F	27 Oct	(see notes)	24 Nov
Delaware, Delaware	Ad	M	~01 Nov	(not banded)	11 Nov
Mansfield, Richland	HY	M	08 Nov	16 Nov	23 Nov

Ad = Adult, HY = Hatch Year, AHY = After Hatch Year

A tilde (~) preceding the date means the exact date is unknown.

The Toledo bird was not seen on 14 through 20 Nov but returned on 21 Nov.

The female **Butler** bird was captured on 09 November 2013 by Allen Chartier. It had been banded on 19 December 2012 near McDonough, Henry Co., Georgia.

Allen captured the Sugarcreek bird on 05 Nov; he had banded it at this same location on 07 Nov 2012.

Selasphorus sp.(Rufous/Allen's) Hummingbird

Several hummingbirds were seen but could not be identified to species. (In some cases capture attempts failed and photographs were inconclusive.) They too are listed in the order of the first observation.

At Metzger on 18 Sep (Kenn Kaufman)

In Westerville, **Delaware** (the same location as a confirmed Rufous), from ~20 Oct to 12 Nov (Mike Reed *vide* Allen Chartier)

In Columbus Grove, **Putnam**, 24 Oct to 23 Nov (Becky Fuerst *vide* Allen Chartier)

On Tampa Avenue, Cleveland, on 01 to 23 Nov (*vide* Allen Chartier plus reports by Karen and Rich Kassouf and Chuck Slusarczyk, Jr.)

At Ben Franklin Community Gardens,

Cuyahoga, on 04 Nov (Jen Brumfield)

In Grove City, **Franklin**, from 10 to 20 Nov (Linda Jones *vide* Allen Chartier)

In Litchfield, **Medina**, 12 Nov to unknown date (Jayne Gensert *vide* Allen Chartier)

Belted Kingfisher

Rachele Kappler found 16 at Killbuck on 02 Aug. That count was the only credible one exceeding six, a number achieved by several observers. Reports came from 72 counties.

Red-headed Woodpecker

Two counts of 30 came from OOPMP. Brandon Brywczyński saw them there on 26 Aug. Scott Myers found his on 16 Sep and commented, "This species was EVERYWHERE. This number is probably quite conservative." The highest count elsewhere was "20+" by Ben Morrison at Berlin Reservoir, Portage, on 23 Sep. Fifty-seven counties produced sightings.

Red-bellied Woodpecker

The CVNP Fall Census teams counted 33 on 21 Sep (Dwight Chasar *et al.*). John Games and Ron Sempier found 25 at Killdeer on 26 Oct. Seventy-seven counties provided reports.

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker

Scott Huges saw the first migrant, at his **Portage** home on 19 Aug. Chances are it had left its **Ashtabula**, **Geauga**, or **Lake** nesting area not long before! The next must have come from further north; Jeff Loughman saw it at Camp Berry, **Hancock**, on 14 Sep. Woodlawn Cemetery, **Lucas**, hosted nine on 13 Oct (Tim Haney). Forty-three counties had sightings.

Downy Woodpecker

A party of five birders counted 15 Downys in Secor MP, **Lucas**, on 19 Nov. Reports came from 80 counties.

Hairy Woodpecker

The high count was six, in Blendon Woods on 30 Sep (John Gribble). Fifty-seven counties produced sightings.

Northern Flicker

Jen Brumfield noted 55 in CLNP on 25 Oct; they're resident there but this number clearly includes many migrants. The most elsewhere was 44, in Woodlawn on 21 Sep (Tim Haney). All of the counts exceeding 25 came from those two locations. Seventy-four counties provided reports.

Pileated Woodpecker

Sara Burch found eight in Riddle SNP, **Athens**, on 22 Sep. Amanda Lawson counted six in Lake Hope SP, **Vinton**, on 09 Oct. Sixty counties had sightings.

American Kestrel

Tom Kemp found 12 while wandering 25 miles of **Wood** roads on 20 Nov. Reports came from 64 counties.

Merlin

Mark Shieldcastle saw a "single bird chasing tree swallows and martins" while on banding duty at ONWR Navarre on 01 Aug. Nancy Anderson saw another at Conneaut on 05 Aug. These dates are a little earlier than they usually arrive. Kenn Kaufman saw three at Meadowbrook on 13 Oct and commented, "Seemed to be a passage of birds of prey today; all of the falcons appeared to be moving through, headed south". Peter Hellman also saw three; they were harassing a crow along Chagrin River Road, **Cuyahoga**, on 26 Oct. Thirty-two counties yielded sightings.

Peregrine Falcon

Thomas Olson saw three during a 13 Oct sojourn at Wendy Park; probably some were on the tall structures across the Cuyahoga River. Wes Hatch also found three while boating along the **Cuyahoga** lakefront on 23 Nov. Thirty counties produced reports.

Prairie Falcon

The OBRC has a report from **Wayne**.

Olive-sided Flycatcher

Corey Husic saw the first, at Indigo Hill, **Washington**, on 07 Aug. Derek Dunaway saw the latest as it passed through Headlands on 01 Oct. The high count was four; Matt Anderson found them scattered through several areas in OOPMP on 02 Sep. There were at least four reports of two birds. Nineteen counties provided sightings.

Eastern Wood-Pewee

Nancy Anderson frequents the eastern **Cuyahoga** lakeshore; she was rewarded with the latest sighting, a straggler in Euclid Creek Reservation on 27 Oct. The second-latest was all the way south in **Clermont**, where the CNC Long Branch Farm eTT recorded one on 16 Oct. Wes Hatch kayaked nine miles of the upper Cuyahoga River, **Geauga**, on 31 Aug and counted 25 pewees. The next highest number was 13, during the 04 Aug ONWR census (Ed Pierce *et al.*, *vide* Douglas Vogus). Reports came from 62 counties.

Contopus sp. Flycatcher

Cameron Cox wrote from Wendy Park on 23 Sep, “Interesting wood-pewee. Very dark overall, strong ‘vest’, sooty head with no white around the eye, bill black with an extremely tiny orange patch at the base of the lower mandible visible only in the scope. Mostly facing [me and Jen Brumfield] making it hard to view the wing bars but upper wingbar did appear to be weaker than the lower. Overall size seemed a bit smaller than normal for EAWP [Eastern Wood-Pewee]. Jen and I believe it was probably a WEWP [Western Wood-Pewee] but were not able to obtain the photos or recording necessary to prove such a record. Bird did not respond to recordings of either species of [wood-] pewee. Intriguing but not definitive.”

Yellow-bellied Flycatcher

The first, a group of three, showed up in Jackson Bog SNP, **Stark**, on 11 Aug (Debby Kerr). Other triples were in Woodlawn on 19 Aug (Juliette Heinz and Tim Thompson) and at the Emily Traphagen Preserve, **Delaware**, on 07 Sep (John Gribble). The last sighting was at East Fork on 05 Oct (Bill Stanley). Twenty-one counties produced sightings.

Acadian Flycatcher

The high count of six was shared by Tracy Hammer at Highlands MP, **Delaware**, on 02 Aug and Ann and Dwight Chasar in the CVNP Ledges area on 04 Aug. Bama Clark saw both

the second last and last, respectively south of Darby Creek on 04 Oct and at Darby itself on 09 Oct. Thirty-seven counties provided reports.

Alder Flycatcher

The five reports, all of single birds, are:

At Killdeer on 03 Aug (Irina Shulgina)

In CLNP on 06 Aug (Daniel Hazard)

In Younger’s Wetlands, **Hancock**, on 11 Aug (Robert Sams)

At Killdeer on 12 Aug (Joe Baldwin)

In Side Cut MP, **Lucas**, on 16 Aug (Barry McEwen and Elliot Tramer)

Willow Flycatcher

Claire Kluskens found a straggler at Deep Lock Quarry MP, **Summit**, on 05 Oct; she said it “called attention to itself with distinctive fitz-bew song, which it gave three times before moving on”. Irina Shulgina found seven at Killdeer on 03 Aug. Reports came from 32 counties.

“Trail’s” (Alder/Willow) Flycatcher

Up to three of these cryptic, and no doubt silent, birds were reported from 10 counties.

Least Flycatcher

Cory Chiappone saw one at Headlands on 01 Oct, but Richard Kidwell found the last exactly a week later in **Hancock**. Amanda Lawson saw five in Grant Park, **Montgomery**, on 10 Sep, as did a group of San Diego birders at OOPMP on 28 Sep. Twenty-eight counties produced sightings.

Empidonax sp. Flycatcher

One which Lynne Albert and Nic Shayko found in the South Chagrin Reservation, **Cuyahoga**, on 28 Oct, was well past the typical latest date for any of the genus. Other indeterminate birds were seen until 15 Oct. Groups of eight, which probably included more than one species, were seen on 14 Sep at Sims Park (Nancy Anderson) and Huston Brumbaugh NC, **Stark** (Adam Zorn).

Eastern Phoebe

There is no “latest” sighting of this, our hardiest flycatcher, because some can be found during any month. Elliot Tramer noted 13 in CPNWR on 22 Aug and CLNP hosted up to 20 on 26 Oct (m. obs.). Sightings came from 66 counties.

Great Crested Flycatcher

The last paused at Maumee Bay on 10 Oct (Stephen Vessey). This is a typical latest date, but the second-last sightings were almost two weeks earlier, on 29 Sep. That day, Jeff Loughman saw one at the Findlay Reservoirs and Sandra Griffiths another in Chagrin River Park, **Lake**. The high count was five, which appeared to be a “family group ‘wheeping’ at each other” on 01 Aug at Sandy Ridge (BRAS).

Western Kingbird

The OBRC has a report from **Cuyahoga**.

Eastern Kingbird

Amber Hart found eight in scattered locations while wandering Salt Fork SP, **Guernsey**, on 27 Sep. They edged the two which Scott Pendleton found in **Harrison** the previous day for “last sighted” honors. Usually they’re gone by the second week of the month. The 04 Aug ONWR census counted 52 (Ed Pierce *et al.*, *fide* Douglas Vogus). Fifty-two counties produced reports.

Loggerhead Shrike

Some of the several reports from **Wayne** had enough detail for the OBRC to evaluate.



Jen Brumfield spotted and obtained documentation photos of this wary Loggerhead Shrike as it hunted grasshoppers on 09 Sept along Wilderness Road.

Northern Shrike

The first of these visitors showed up at Wake Robin on 27 Oct (Mary Gustafson, Jeff Harvey). Other singles arrived in the 16 counties shown on the accompanying map.

White-eyed Vireo

Peggy Wang heard one in Clear Creek on 29 Oct. That’s a bit late but singles were also seen elsewhere on the two previous days. Jeffrey Spaulding found nine in four hours at Salt Fork SP, **Guernsey**, on 26 Sep. Thirty-four counties had sightings.

Bell’s Vireo

Irina Shulgina found one at the Honda Wetlands, **Union**, on 04 and 06 Sep.

Yellow-throated Vireo

Wes Hatch saw the last, at Sunnybrook Preserve, **Geauga**, on 09 Oct. The high count of four was shared. Amanda Lawson found them along the Little Miami River in **Greene** on 28 Aug. Bill Stanley’s were in the CNC Rowe Woods on 14 Sep. Reports came from 30 counties.

Blue-headed Vireo

The first probable migrant showed up in **Lucas** near the Michigan line on 04 Aug (Ferd Crotte). The last stopped at John Hull’s **Butler** home on 31 Oct. Aullwood Audubon Farm and Center, **Montgomery**, hosted six on 10 Oct (Tom Hissong). Thirty counties produced sightings.

Warbling Vireo

One was still singing for Dave Lewis in Bay Village, **Cuyahoga**, on 13 Oct. John Moore saw another that day in Englewood. David Gesicki and Mark Rozmarynowycz counted 12 in CPNWR on 06 Sep. Forty-three counties provided reports.

Philadelphia Vireo

Ken Davis saw the first, at Blendon Woods on 27 Aug. The high count was four, by Lisa Hug near her home in **Huron** on 07 Sep. The last were two singles on 09 Oct, at Darby Creek (Bama Clark) and Camp Dennison, **Hamilton** (J.W. Rettig). Sightings came from 29 counties.

Northern Shrike Distribution



The Ohio Cardinal, Fall 2013

Red-eyed Vireo

These seem to have cleared out a bit early. Robert Foppe and Jennifer Smolenski saw the last in the latter's *Clermont* yard on 15 Oct; often a few linger another week. Jen Brumfield counted 16 in CLNP on 13 Sep; the second-highest number was 12, by Doug Overacker in Buck Creek on 07 Sep. Fifty-one counties provided sightings.

Blue Jay

The 21 Sep CVNP census tallied 246, no doubt a mixture of residents and migrants (Douglas Vogus *et al.*). Doug Overacker noted 50 at Buck Creek on 22 Sep as did Kenn Kaufman at Meadowbrook on 13 Oct. All but eight counties produced reports.

American Crow

A trio of observers estimated 3000 were at the eastern, *Richland*, section of Clear Fork on 14 Nov. William Wood found half that many along Ohio Route 36 in *Coshocton* on 08 Nov. The 80 reporting counties tied Blue Jay's number.

Fish Crow

Several *Cuyahoga* sightings were well documented for the OBRC.

Common Raven

The OBRC has thorough reports from *Delaware* and *Harrison* and sketchy ones from *Jefferson*, *Medina*, and *Union*.

Horned Lark

Three observers each found about 100: Gary Cowell along Baseline Road, *Crawford*, on 17 Aug; Patience Hoskins in Observatory Park, *Geauga*, on 09 Nov; and Paul Sherwood along a mile of Township Road 232, *Hancock*, on 12 Nov. Forty-four counties provided sightings.

Northern Rough-winged Swallow

Charlie Saunders saw and heard a straggler at Riverside, *Butler*, on 10 Nov, a good three weeks later than their historical departure date. Cory Chiappone had seen one at Headlands on 28 Oct as well. Doug Overacker noted about 350 massed at Old Reid Park, *Clark*, on 15 Sep. Thirty-seven counties yielded sightings.

Purple Martin

Eric Elvert saw three in Carriage Hill MP, *Montgomery*, on 10 Oct, more than a week later than their usual departure. Margaret Bowman also saw a straggler, at the Hebron hatchery, *Licking*, on 04 Oct, and before that the last sightings were several on 15 Sep. Jen

Moore and Jason Parrish found about 800 at the Hebron hatchery on 18 Aug. The only other triple-digit count was 236 at CPNWR on 22 Aug (Elliot Tramer). Reports came from 44 counties.

Tree Swallow

These are hardy and include berries in their winter diet. Nevertheless, they are usually gone from Ohio by mid-Nov, so Paul Sherwood's sighting at MBSP on 21 Nov was abnormally late. On 18 Nov Kenn Kaufman had seen 22 there and three at Metzger. The three four-digit reports were of 1000 along the Cedar Point Causee, *Erie*, on 08 Aug (Kent Miller), a "conservative estimate" of 1100 at Winous Point on 23 Sep (Justin Bosler), and "1000+" at Big Island on 24 Sep (Ron Sempier). Fifty-one counties produced sightings.

Bank Swallow

Bama Clark saw four in the Lake Darby development, *Franklin*, on 29 Sep, a bit later than usual. Justin Bosler's 1050 at Winous Point on 08 Aug was the highest count and Chris Zacharias' 500 at Conneaut on 02 Aug the next highest. Thirty-two counties provided reports.

Barn Swallow

In contrast to most of the other swallows, the last Barns left early. Inga Schmidt saw one at LaDue on 16 Oct and the Ostermillers another at Funk on 20 Oct. Jen Brumfield noted about 400 were working the grass at Burke on 11 Aug. Sixty-one counties yielded sightings.

Cliff Swallow

Cliffs also left a bit early; the last sightings were on 21 Sep. Thomas Slemmer saw one in Calhoun, *Delaware*, and Nicholas Rosner six at Funk that day. Twenty at the Hoover dam on 08 Sep were otherwise the latest (Amy and Kevin O'Neil). Wendy Park hosted an unusual count for the site of 70 on 03 Aug (Sameer Apte), and Lost Bridge had 50 on 04 Aug (Harris Abramson). Reports came from 22 counties.

Cave Swallow

This is only the second year with no reports since this species' first Ohio appearance in 2005; the other was 2011.

Carolina Chickadee

Charles Bombaci provided the two highest counts, both in *Delaware*. He found 35 in Hoover NP on 01 Oct and 45 at Char-Mar on 03 Nov. The most elsewhere was the nine which Robert Hershberger saw at home in *Holmes* on 15 Sep, which he said “seemed to be a larger number than normal for the area”. Fifty-six counties had sightings.

Black-capped Chickadee

Kelleys Island surveys yielded the two highest counts, 69 on 19 Aug and 32 on 16 Sep (Tom Bartlett *et al.*). The highest count elsewhere, 21, was shared. Robert Jackson found them at the Wolf Creek Environmental Center, *Medina*, on 15 Oct, and a party of four birders noted them along Ohio Route 43 at Mogadore Reservoir, *Portage*. One which Scott Pendleton saw well in *Harrison* on 13 Nov prompted this note: “Solo bird not with any other chickadees...in this area we go from no BCCH to 20% in winter. First definitive one in two years”. Thirty-two counties produced reports.

Chickadee sp.

The overlap zone between our two chickadee species is a band which roughly follows U.S. Route 30 and probably shifts, expands, and contracts under weather and longer-term influences. Quite a few conservative birders declined to assign their sightings in that area to the species level; their counts ranged up to 10 birds.

Tufted Titmouse

Tracy Cambron found 30 in CNC’s Rowe Woods on 10 Nov. Three locations each hosted the second-highest number of 22. Reports came from 73 counties.

Red-breasted Nuthatch

August produced a few scattered reports which, judging by their locations, included both migrants and some which had nested. Doug Overacker discovered six at Buck Creek on 29 Nov; most of the remaining counts were of one or two. Thirty-eight counties hosted them.

White-breasted Nuthatch

The 01 Nov Towpath Trail census in CVNP produced 17 (Douglas Vogus *et al.*). There were several counts elsewhere in the 10 to 14 range. Seventy-six counties provided sightings.

Brown Creeper

Despite their being a nesting species, Aug yielded only four creeper sightings. They were of one at the Carlisle Reservation, *Lorain*, on 02 Aug (BRAS), one in *Knox* on 24 Aug (Danielle McCament), four in the Tappan Drainage Area, *Harrison*, on 31 Aug (Scott Pendleton), and one at Meadowbrook on 31 Aug (Greg Cornett). The high count was eight, in the Race Track Wetlands, *Franklin*, on 23 Nov (Bama Clark). Forty-eight counties produced reports.

House Wren

The last visited Jill Lipert’s home in *Butler* on 10 Nov. The second-last had been at another home, that of Mary Ann Wagner in *Lake*, on 31 Oct. The ONWR census on 04 Aug found 20 (Ed Pierce *et al.*, *vide* Douglas Vogus). Several observers tallied between 10 and 15. Reports came from 62 counties.

Winter Wren

There were no Aug sightings, even in their several nesting locations. Adam Zorn reported the season’s first at the Huston Brumbaugh NC, *Stark*, on 03 Sep, which is early for a migrant. Eric Elvert saw the next, in Carriage Hill MP, *Montgomery*, on 11 Sep. Magee was full of migrants on 29 Sep – Greg Links found 14 that day. Kent Miller noted 10 at Headlands on 11 Oct. Forty counties provided sightings.



This Winter Wren offered Tom Fishburn a quick pose on 10 Oct at Wendy Park.

Sedge Wren

Robert Roysse found at least one all through Sep and Oct at Deer Creek WA; the two he saw there on 28 Oct were the latest. Brian and Gale Wulker saw the second-last in the Miami Whitewater wetlands on 19 Oct. The high count was four, at Darby Creek on 14 Aug (Alex Champagne and Anthony Fries). *Cuyahoga*, *Greene*, *Montgomery*, *Ottawa*, *Richland*, and *Wyandot* also contributed sightings.

Marsh Wren

Irina Shulgina found several groups which totaled 20 birds at Darby Creek on 28 Sep. Justin Bosler saw 12 at Winous Horseshoe on 06 Oct. Sightings continued into winter, but after 05 Nov came only from Darby Creek, Killbuck, and Spring Valley WA, **Greene**. Twenty-eight counties provided reports.

Carolina Wren

Kathi Hutton found at least 25 in Crooked Run NP, **Clermont**, on 18 Oct; she said her “estimate is probably too low. I saw 6, heard 4-5 times as many”. That number was the highest by a single observer. Tom Bartlett’s census teams on Kelleys Island found 30 on 19 Aug. Reports came from 66 counties.

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher

The only reports after 30 Sep came from Woodlawn on 01 Oct (Tim Haney), Riverbend Recreation Area, **Hancock**, on 12 Oct (Jeff Loughman), and Headlands on 15 Oct (Sally Isacco). The Station Road area of CVNP hosted eight on 15 Aug (Lynne Albert and Nic Shayko). Forty-one counties produced sightings.

Golden-crowned Kinglet

Another nester (albeit scarce) was missed throughout Aug. Mary Lou Dickson saw the first, at Blendon Woods on 15 Sep. They flooded in by mid-Oct; Jen Brumfield saw 50 at Wendy Park on 10 Oct. Counts of 80 to 90 came from Big Island on 24 Oct (Ron Sempier), the CCE Trail on 29 Oct (Dana Howard), and CPNWR on 30 Oct (Elliot Tramer *et al.*). Fifty-five counties provided reports.

Ruby-crowned Kinglet

Carrie and Mark Ruane found one at the Grant Park NC, **Montgomery**, on 07 Sep. Several **Cuyahoga** and **Lake** sites each hosted one on 13 Sep (m. obs.). The high count was 65, by the Ostermillers at Headlands on 10 Oct. Fifty-two counties yielded sightings.

Eastern Bluebird

Scott Myers counted 70 in OOPMP on 16 Sep, and wrote, “This species was EVERYWHERE. This number is probably quite conservative. Twice we watched small flocks (at least 15 birds each) move overhead.” His number doubled the next highest, the 35 which Hope Orr tallied along 2 ½ miles of towpath in CVNP on 17 Oct. Reports came from 66 counties.

Veery

They’re here in Aug, but mostly secretive and silent, so the few reports that month are not a surprise. Elizabeth McQuaid saw the last, in CLNP on 08 Oct. Amanda Lawson found the second-last, two in Grant Park, **Montgomery**, on 25 Sep. Columbia Woods Park, **Summit**, hosted five on the evening of 12 Sep (the Harlans). Seventeen counties provided reports.

Gray-cheeked Thrush

David Gesicki and Mark Rozmarynowycz found the first, in CPNWR on 30 Aug. Tom Frankel saw the next one in Mentor Lagoons NP, **Lake**, on 07 Sep. James Berry counted nine at Magee on 21 Sep and others found up to eight there that month. The most elsewhere was five, at East Harbor on 21 Sep (Evan Mann). The last were solos at Headlands on 15 Oct (Sally Isacco) and in the Emily Traphagen Preserve, **Delaware**, on 21 Oct (John Gribble). Twenty-six counties had sightings.

Swainson’s Thrush

Blendon Woods, OOPMP, and Woodlawn each hosted one on 31 Aug (Irina Shulgina, Elliot Tramer, and Tim Haney, respectively). Woodlawn also provided the last sighting, a straggler on 15 Nov (m. obs.). The second-last was at Headlands on 24 Oct (Sally Isacco). Tom Bain found 60 at Magee on 21 Sep and three sites each held 30 on dates between 10 and 23 Sep. Thirty-nine counties produced reports.

Hermit Thrush

Kyle Brooks saw the first, at Old Man’s Cave in Hocking Hills SP, on 11 Aug; it had probably nested there. One at Blendon Woods on 01 Sep could have come from one of the nesting areas in our northeast corner (Jeffrey Pontius). The first which certainly came from further north were at Headlands (Daniel Parsons) and Sandy Ridge (Beki Poitras) on 14 Sep. Observers found 50 to 60 in CLNP on 25 and 26 Oct; the most elsewhere was 23, at Villa Angela, **Cuyahoga**, on 27 Oct (Nancy Anderson). Thirty-three counties provided sightings.

Wood Thrush

John Hull bade the last goodbye at a disc golf course in Goshen, **Clermont**, on 20 Oct; that’s a week or so later than usual. Ethan Kistler saw the second-last, in **Hocking** on 12 Oct. Jack Stenger counted 14 during a “mini-fallout” at Shawnee Lookout on 21 Sep. Thirty-one counties produced reports.

American Robin

On 14 Nov, Inga Schmidt estimated 3000 were along Chagrin River Road, **Geauga**, “coming in to roost, the flock has grown from hundreds to thousands over the last month. Hard to count, coming from the north and landing in the trees over a 1500 foot tree line. After perching in the trees for fifteen minutes or so, they dive into the low shrubs and crab apples in the fields and settle in for the night.” The only other count exceeding 500 (itself an impressive number) was 1240 by Gary Cowell at the intersection of Pulver and Pleasant Valley Roads, **Richland**, on 17 Oct. Reports came from 74 counties.

Gray Catbird

Several observers noted about 50 in CLNP on 15 Sep. Susan Jones and Clyde Witt counted 41 at the headquarters area of CVNP on 21 Sep. Seventy-three counties yielded sightings.

Brown Thrasher

Bama Clark saw the last of the season in the Race Track Wetlands, **Franklin**, on 23 Nov, though sightings continued throughout winter. Cameron Cox found six and Jen Brumfield nine in CLNP, on 23 Sep and 07 Oct, respectively. The most elsewhere were five in Gary Cowell’s **Richland** yard on 09 Sep. Forty-six counties produced reports.

Northern Mockingbird

Nicholas Rosner counted 10 in the Secret Arboretum, **Wayne**, on 12 Oct. Two locations each had nine. Reports came from 54 counties.

European Starling

Justin Bosler recorded several large flocks. He found about 7000 at Medusa on 08 Sep, 10,000 where Lemon Road crosses Turtle Creek (**Ottawa**) on 30 Sep, and 10,000 along the shore of Muddy Creek Bay (also **Ottawa**) on 02 Oct. The highest number away from the northwest was the 5000 which Karen Beaty reported at Englewood on 15 Sep. Eighty-one counties provided sightings.

American Pipit

Jeff Loughman saw the first, at the Findlay Reservoirs on 14 Sep. Gary Cowell noted about 100 at Killdeer on 02 Nov and 70 at Pleasant Hill Lake Park, **Richland**, on 12 Nov. Thirty-four counties contributed reports.

Cedar Waxwing

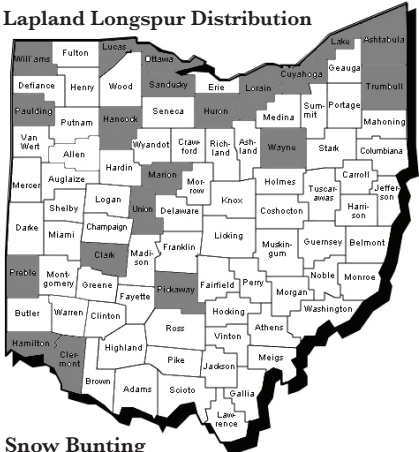
Mary Anne Romito counted 321 along a mile of CVNP Towpath Trail north from Ira Road on 11 Nov and 200 to 250 there on other dates. Gary Cowell and Anna Wittmer saw the most elsewhere, 175 in Charles Mill Lake

SP, **Ashland**, on 14 Sep. Seventy-two counties produced reports.

Lapland Longspur

Only four birds were reported before Oct. Steven Bouyak saw one at Headlands on 22 Sep, Kent Miller and Ben Morrison found two at Conneaut on 24 Sep, and Tyler Ficker saw one all the way down at East Fork on 27 Sep. Kent Miller spent more than five hours at Edgewater on 18 Nov and saw about 100 arriving from over Lake Erie in flocks of 20 or fewer. Doug and Micki Dunakin noted flocks of about 50 on several dates in **Paulding**. The accompanying map shows the counties which hosted them.

Lapland Longspur Distribution



Snow Bunting

A flock of seven arrived at Headlands on 22 Oct (Hans Clebsch). Another 10 showed up at Conneaut on 26 Oct (Chris Swan). Headlands provided the high count, of 100 on 03 Nov (Andy Avram). The accompanying map shows the differences and similarities between bunting sightings and those of longspurs.

Snow Bunting Distribution



Ovenbird

For a couple of years now, at least one has hung around into winter and 2013 is no exception: One seen near the OSU Browning Amphitheater, *Franklin*, on 07 Nov was seen again there on 04 Dec (both Irina Shulgina). Singles were also seen at three other *Franklin* locations between 23 Oct and 05 Nov. Charles Klaus saw the latest elsewhere than in *Franklin* at his home in *Lake* on 14 Oct. Anne Rowe counted six on Wyddfa Court, *Licking*, on 24 Sep. Reports came from 33 counties.

Worm-eating Warbler

The three reports are:

One at Buck Creek on 02 Sep (Doug Overacker)

One at Blendon Woods on 02 Sep (Amy and Kevin O'Neil)

One at the CNC Long Branch Farm on 14 Sep (Lester Peyton)

Louisiana Waterthrush

The four reports are:

In the Williamsburg Wetlands, *Clermont*, on 01 Aug (Bill Stanley)

At the CVNP Ledges on 04 Aug (Ann and Dwight Chasar)

In Blackhand Gorge SNP, *Licking*, on 09 Aug (Dominik Mosur)

On the Clear Fork River, *Richland*, on 25 Aug (Gary Cowell and Jason Hull)

Northern Waterthrush

Mark Shieldcastle banded one at ONWR Navarre on 01 Aug. That bird was far from their isolated northeastern Ohio nesting sites but early for a migrant. The next sightings were shared on 20 Aug, in downtown Cleveland (Joe Woyma) and East Harbor (Brett Moyer). Bill Stanley saw the last, at his home in *Clermont* on 13 Oct. Kent Miller's two at Magee on 12 Sep was the only multiple sighting. Fifteen counties produced reports.

Blue-winged Warbler

One straggler appeared at Leslie Houser's *Mahoning* home on 21 Oct, two weeks later than their usual last date in Ohio. Jeanne Hrenko saw the second to last in Euclid Creek Reservation, *Cuyahoga*, on 23 Sep. Don Keffer found three at Mosquito Lake SP on 18 Aug and there were a few reports of two. Nineteen counties provided sightings.

[Blue-winged x Golden-winged ("Brewster's") Warbler] One was reported at Magee on 12 Sep (fide Mary Warren) and Jack Stenger *et al.* found one at Shawnee Lookout on 21 Sep.

Golden-winged Warbler

Blendon Woods hosted both the first and the last, with only a month between them. Jeffrey Pontius saw one there on 01 Sep and Gene Stauffer another on 02 Oct. Three locations shared doubles: Metzger on 12 Sep (Kent Miller and Ben Morrison), Hills and Dales MP, *Montgomery*, on 12 Sep (Amanda Lawson), and Huston Brumbaugh NC, Stark, on 14 Sep (Adam Zorn). *Clark*, *Clermont*, *Delaware*, *Hamilton*, *Ottawa*, and *Union* also contributed sightings.

Black-and-white Warbler

Brad Goodner noted the last, at Headlands on 11 Oct (more than a week later than expected for the latitude). Kent Miller counted 12 at Magee on 12 Sep and others saw five to seven there on several dates. The most elsewhere was Amanda Lawson's five at Hills and Dales MP, *Montgomery*, also on 12 Sep. Reports came from 40 counties.

Prothonotary Warbler

Usually these are gone by the end of Aug, but one lingered at East Fork until 07 Sep (Bill Stanley) and another was at Armleder Park on 13 Sep (Helen Wright-North). Mark Shieldcastle banded some of the 12 he encountered at ONWR Navarre on 01 Aug. Five adult males and five juveniles came in to mob Charles Bombaci when he played a recording at Hoover NP on 21 Aug; Charles monitors nesting boxes there. No other count exceeded four. Fourteen counties produced sightings.

Tennessee Warbler

One *Licking* and three *Franklin* sites shared the first-sighting date of 24 Aug. Tom Kemp and Elliot Tramer had the last sighting all to themselves, at CPNWR on the late date of 30 Oct. Ben Morrison estimated 150 at Magee on 12 Sep and almost all of the counts exceeding 25 came from there or nearby. Fifty-three counties provided reports.

Orange-crowned Warbler

One showed up at Ben Morrison's *Stark* home on 10 Sep. Bev Walborn saw the next at Elmwood Park, *Cuyahoga*, on 13 Sep. The high count of three was shared by Mikey Lutmerding on the OSU campus on 09 Oct and Jen Brumfield at Wendy Park on 10 Oct. Paul Sherwood saw the last, in the Dempsey Boat Basin, *Ottawa*, on 11 Nov; one day after Tim Drewyer and Tim Haney found another straggler in Woodlawn. Twenty counties produced reports.

Nashville Warbler

Michael Horr saw one in Blacklick Woods MP and Ken Davis another at Blendon Woods, both in *Franklin* and both on 24 Aug. Jen Brumfield's 25 at Wendy Park on 10 Oct was by far the largest count; each of three other sites on Lake Erie had hosted nine during the last half of Sep. Jen and the Kassoufs saw the last, in CLNP on 26 Oct. Reports came from 43 counties.

Connecticut Warbler

The first reports were long past the typical late Aug date. Bruce Simpson passed on word of a sighting in Blendon Woods on 10 Sep. On 11 Sep the Kassoufs saw one in Big Creek Reservation, *Cuyahoga*, and Kent Miller another along the Berlin Lake bike trail, *Portage*. Three sites adjoining western Lake Erie each held two on 21 Sep. The last two sightings, at LaDue on 02 Oct (Wes Hatch) and at Blendon Woods on 06 Oct (Wendy Becker) were the only ones that month. *Delaware*, *Lake*, and *Lorain* also contributed sightings.

Mourning Warbler

The first was about 10 days early; Dick Hoopes provided details of two in the South Chagrin Reservation, *Cuyahoga*, on 05 Aug. Elliot Tramer saw the next, at CPNWR on 22 Aug. Hoopes' above two and two others he saw at LaDue on 28 Aug were only multiple sightings. The only Oct reports came from Shawnee Prairie Preserve, *Darke*, on 03 Oct (Robb Clifford) and Headlands on 09 Oct (Marcia Rubin). Fifteen counties provided sightings.

Kentucky Warbler

Nine were reported:

Two at Armleder Park on 07 Aug (Christopher Collins)

One at Paint Creek SP, *Highland*, on 10 Aug (Bill and René McGill)

Two at East Fork on 17 Aug (Bill Stanley)

One at Clendening Lake, *Harrison*, on 07 Sep (Gary Bush and Scott Pendleton)

One at LaDue on 08 Sep (Wes Hatch and Dick Hoopes)

Two at Cross Creek, *Jefferson*, on 18 Sep (Gary Bush)

Common Yellowthroat

Elliot Tramer saw the last of the season, at CPNWR on 16 Nov, though there were two more reports in early Dec elsewhere. Scott Pendleton saw the second-last, at The Bowl on 02 Nov. Justin Bosler found 26 in a private

grassland in *Ottawa* on 01 Aug; counts elsewhere ranged up to 22. Fifty-six counties produced reports.

Hooded Warbler

Sameer Apte saw the second to last, at Headlands on 06 Oct, and Christina Harrington found the last the next day at Blendon Woods. Matthew Valencic noted four in a two-acre woodlot near his home in *Geauga* on 24 Aug and said that some had been there all summer. Reports came from 23 counties.

American Redstart

The last were five at Headlands on 20 Oct, a large number to be lagging a bit (Elizabeth McQuaid). Three parties each found 15, in *Franklin*, *Lake*, and *Lucas* and on different Sep dates. Forty-eight counties contributed reports.

Kirtland's Warbler

The OBRC has one report from *Lucas*.

Cape May Warbler

The first of these showed up rather late on 01 Sep, when Jeffrey Pontius found one at Blendon Woods and Inga Schmidt another on Chagrin River Road, *Geauga*. Several observers noted 50 to 75 at Magee on 12 Sep. Tom Frankel saw three at Headlands on 20 Oct, the last, and somewhat late, date. Forty-three counties had sightings.

Cerulean Warbler

Bob Evans said that "Nature never ceases to amaze" when he saw one singing about noon on 26 Aug in Hopewell Township, *Muskingum*. Tyler Ficker's two at the CNC on 05 Oct were the most and the last. The other sightings, all of single birds, were:

At Armleder Park on 02 Aug (Charlotte Fairlie)

In Delaware SP on 20 Aug (Logan Kahle)

Along the Kokosing Gap Trail, *Knox*, on 31 Aug (Gary Cowell and Jason Hull)

At Miami Whitewater on 24 Sep (David A. Brinkman)

Northern Parula

Though these nest quite widely in Ohio, there were only two sightings in the first half of Aug and a few more in the second half. The high count of four was shared by Lester Peyton at the CNC Long Branch Farm on 14 Sep and Ben Warner at Magee on 21 Sep. Jeff Harvey *et al.* saw the last, at Mill Creek on 13 Oct. Thirty counties produced reports.

Magnolia Warbler

Joe Woyma saw the first, in downtown Cleveland on 20 Aug. The next were at four sites on 24 Aug. Kent Miller found 25 at Magee and 12 at Metzger on 12 Sep; Wes Hatch also found 12 at The Rookery, **Geauga**, that same day. Sheryl McNair's two at the CVNP Canal Visitor Center on 17 Oct were the last. Forty-nine counties provided sightings.

Bay-breasted Warbler

The first was one at the CNC Rowe Woods on 18 Aug (CNC eTT). The next was further north, at Blendon Woods on 24 Aug (Irina Shulgina). Tom Bain found 20 at Magee on 21 Sep for the high count. The last was in Secrest Arboretum, **Wayne**, on 13 Oct (Nicholas Rosner). Reports came from 40 counties.

Blackburnian Warbler

One showed up at Tom Kemp's home in **Wood** on 17 Aug. Blendon Woods hosted eight on 14 Sep for Ben Warner. Tom Frankel saw the last, at Headlands on 20 Oct. Forty counties produced reports.



Ron Sempier was closely studied by this migrating Blackburnian Warbler during its stop in his **Marion** yard on 02 Aug.

Yellow Warbler

Tom Kemp and Elliot Tramer noted a straggler at CPNWR on 30 Oct, a good three weeks after they usually leave the state. Marcia Rubín saw the second-last, at Headlands on 02 Oct, even then a bit late for the north coast. Mark Shieldcastle banded 70 and saw another 75 at ONWR Navarre on 01 Aug. The next highest count was 30, by Tony Battiste at Magee on 08 Aug. Thirty-eight counties provided sightings.

Chestnut-sided Warbler

These nesters were seen on 01 and 18 Aug but not between those dates. Gary Bush saw the second-last in Jefferson Lake SP, **Jefferson**, on 09 Oct. After that date, Mary Anne Romito had a good look at a straggler in Winton Woods CP, **Hamilton**, on 27 Oct. Charles Bombaci counted 11 along Wiese Road, **Delaware**, on 14 Sep. Thirty-six counties produced reports.

Blackpoll Warbler

Joe Hammond saw the first, two in Blendon Woods on 30 Aug. Sightings came almost daily from then to 16 Oct. That date, the second-last, was shared by Elizabeth McQuaid at Wendy Park and members of a BRAS field trip to Sandy Ridge. The last sighting, however, was at Headlands on 20 Oct (Tom Frankel). Kent Miller and Ben Morrison estimated 300 to 500 at Magee on 12 Sep; other Sep dates produced smaller double-digit counts. The largest number not at Magee was 30, found 14 Sep at French Creek Reservation, **Lorain** (BRAS). Reports came from 48 counties.

Black-throated Blue Warbler

Ken Davis noted the first arrival, at Blendon Woods on 24 Aug. The next showed up in Woodlawn on 29 Aug (Tim Haney). Paul Sherwood found the second to last at Sheldon's Marsh SNP, **Erie**, on 13 Oct. This is a typical date for a last sighting, but a straggler held on at the OSU Browning Amphitheater, **Franklin**, where Paul Hurtado and Irina Shulgina saw it on 05 and 07 Nov. Magee hosted nine on 14 Sep (Lisa Phelps) and six on 21 Sep (James Berry, Ben Warner), while four north coast locations each held five. Twenty-five counties produced sightings.

Palm Warbler

The first, a group of five, got all the way to Armleder Park before being sighted on 03 Sep (J.W. Rettig). Andrea Anderson reported that what turned out to be the season's second on 08 Sep was a first for her **Jefferson** yard. The last two were late departures – they were one at The Bowl on 02 Nov (Scott Pendleton) and one at Sippo Lake, Stark, on 10 Nov (Jon Cefus). Jen Brumfield counted 105 at Wendy Park on 10 Oct. The next highest count of 25 was at Wendy Park on 03 Oct (Jen Brumfield) and CLNP on 08 Oct (Marcia Rubín). Forty-seven counties yielded sightings.

Pine Warbler

Brian Wulker saw the first of the season, at Fernald on 12 Aug; Hope Orr noted the second near the CVNP Boston Store on 29 Aug. Both could have nested at their locations. The first two which definitely started their journey further north showed up at Magee on 03 Sep (Chuck Stirrat). The last, and the only sightings in that month, were of one at the Great Miami Mitigation Bank, *Montgomery*, on 03 Nov (Eric Elvert) and a moderately late bird at Eric Schlabach's *Stark* home on 24 Nov. The high count of three was shared by four sites on dates between 18 Sep and 12 Oct. Twenty-eight counties contributed reports.

Yellow-rumped Warbler

Elliot Tramer saw an early arrival in Whitehouse, *Lucas*, on 14 Aug and noted that there'd been a cold snap the night before. Cory Chiappone saw the next, at Headlands on 18 Aug. Jen Brumfield estimated 350 at Wendy Park on 10 Oct and Justin Bosler about 200 at Winous Point on 08 Oct. Sixty-nine counties provided reports.

“Audubon’s” Yellow-rumped Warbler

Mark Shieldcastle banded one of this western form at ONWR Navarre on 30 Sep.

Yellow-throated Warbler

Usually these are gone by the end of Sep or shortly thereafter. This year, however, there were several Oct sightings. Among them was an injured bird which lasted until 03 Nov in *Clermont* (Susan Kailholz). An apparently healthy bird brought up the rear at Headlands on 08 Nov, an extraordinarily late date (Cory Chiappone). Chris Zacharias found six in Eastwood MP, *Montgomery*, on 14 Sep. The second-highest count of two was shared by three locations. Twenty counties produced sightings.

Prairie Warbler

The five reports, all of single birds, are:

At The Bowl on 07 Aug (Scott Pendleton)

At The Wilds, *Muskingum*, also on 07 Aug (Mike Sandy)

At Indigo Hill, *Washington*, again on 07 Aug (Corey Husic)

At Crooked Run NP, *Clermont*, on 24 Aug (Kathi Hutton)

At Prairie Oaks MP, *Franklin*, on 14 Sep (Bama Clark)

Townsend’s Warbler

The OBRC has a report from *Paulding*.

Black-throated Green Warbler

The first sighting wasn't near a known nesting location, so the bird probably was an early migrant. It showed up in the Black River Reservation, *Lorain*, on 07 Aug (BRAS). The second one, at Chagrin River Park, *Lake*, on 23 Aug, could have dispersed from one of the several nesting sites which are not far to the south or traveled from Canada (Cory Chiappone). Alex Champagne and John Finn saw the last, in Glen Echo Park, *Franklin*, on 27 Oct. Charles Bombaci found 15 in Char-Mar, *Delaware*, on 28 Sep. Reports came from 46 counties.

Canada Warbler

James Fletcher saw one in the Swine Creek Reservation, *Geauga*, on 10 Aug; it could have nested in the area. The second, at Headlands on 17 Aug, was almost surely a migrant (Don Keffer). The last date, 28 Sep, was shared by James Fletcher's one bird in Fernwood SE, *Jefferson*, and two at CVNP Station Road (Lynne Albert and Nic Shayko). Don Keffer found three at Headlands on 06 Sep. Sixteen counties had sightings.

Wilson’s Warbler

Greg Links saw the first, in Woodlawn on 17 Aug; Eric Elvert the second, in Englewood on 27 Aug. Headlands hosted the most, five on 01 Oct (Cory Chiappone), and also the last, one on 09 Oct (Marcia Rubin). Twenty-seven counties provided sightings.

Yellow-breasted Chat

The last of these not-quite-warblers were two in Shawnee Lookout on 17 Sep (Linda Osterhage). Greg Links saw one in Woodlawn on 17 Aug and commented that it “came in to screech-owl; I almost never encounter this species as a fall migrant.” Bill Stanley found three in the Williamsburg Wetlands of East Fork on 01 Aug. Reports also came from *Clark*, *Franklin*, *Miami*, *Montgomery*, *Ottawa*, *Pickaway*, and *Richland*.

Eastern Towhee

Amanda Lawson counted 26 in Lake Hope SP, *Vinton*, on 09 Oct. Both Buck Creek on 05 Oct (Doug Overacker) and the Miami Whitewater wetlands on 19 Oct (Brian and Gale Wulker) hosted 20. Sixty-four counties produced reports.

American Tree Sparrow

Two were reported in Hocking Hills SP on 30 Sep, a bit early for that far south (Tim Thompson). The next, singles at CLNP (the Kassoufs) and Side Cut MP, **Lucas** (Barry McEwen) on 07 Oct were paradoxically a bit late. Carl Winstead found about 100 at Darby Creek on 28 Nov. Reports came from 53 counties.

Chipping Sparrow

Jen Brumfield found about 160 at CLNP on 25 Oct and Samir Apte noted 100 the next day. The most elsewhere were 80 at Woodland Cemetery, **Montgomery**, on 15 Sep (Amanda Lawson). Sixty-eight counties provided reports.



Chuck Slusarczyk, Jr. astutely identified and documented this Clay-colored Sparrow in a flock of Chipping Sparrows in the parking lot near CLNP on 05 Sept.

Clay-colored Sparrow

Joe Hammond *et al.* saw the first in Blendon Woods on 11 Sep. The last sightings were on 12 Oct; Scott Pendleton found one in the New Reclaim Area, **Harrison**, and Steven Hochstetler another at an **Ashland** feeder. Other singles were found between those dates at one **Lorain**, one **Ottawa**, and four **Cuyahoga** locations.

Field Sparrow

CLNP again hosted the high count for Jen Brumfield, 110 on 25 Oct (a record sized flock, perhaps?). Darby Creek held 50 on 02 Oct (Jeffrey Pontius). Fifty-nine counties had sightings.

Vesper Sparrow

Rick Asamoto saw the last, at Williams Reservoir, **Allen**, on 10 Nov. Richard Kidwell's five along Township Road 207 in **Hancock** on 05 Nov were the second-last. Scott Pendleton counted 16 at The Bowl on 08 Sep, quite a change from the 80 or so there in late Jul. Twenty-seven counties produced sightings.

Lark Sparrow

One which Tony Battiste saw at Magee on 08 Aug could have drifted east from the species' OOPMP nesting area. The next sighting was in OOPMP on 24 Aug (Annie Crary). The Kassoufs found the second to last in the Brookside Reservation, **Cuyahoga**, on 23 Sep, for the only sighting that month. The latest was extraordinary; it spent from 20 Oct to 23 Nov at a **Tuscarawas** property (Kent Miller). The another **Cuyahoga** location and one in **Delaware** each hosted a bird on different Aug dates.

Savannah Sparrow

Scott Pendleton noted 85 at The Bowl on 22 Sep and wrote, "The SAVS are now gathering to migrate. There were 17 in one multiflora rose bush and I had 27 sparrows in one field of view, 24 of which were SAVS. I counted in fives as they flew away from my walking path so as not to recount reflashes. It was a great day to be a fan of sparrows." The most elsewhere was Justin Bosler's 50 at Pickerel Creek WA, **Sandusky**, on 04 Oct. Thirty-seven counties provided reports.

Grasshopper Sparrow

The second-last sighting date, 15 Oct, is typical for the end of migration. That day Keith Lott found one at Darby Creek, while Jeff Loughman and Scott Myers found another in Younger's Wetlands, **Hancock**. However, Scott Pendleton saw a seriously lagging one at The Bowl on 23 Nov. Scott and Gary Bush counted 45 at The Bowl on 07 Aug. Eighteen counties provided sightings.



Rick Asamoto focused his lens on this late migrant Vesper Sparrow on 10 Nov at Williams Reservoir, Allen.

Henslow's Sparrow

Paul Hurtado saw the last, in Deer Creek SP on 20 Oct, about a week later than expected. Wendy Baker found the second-last, at Pickerington Ponds on 12 Oct. Gary Bush, Scott Pendleton, and The Bowl again combined for the high count, 16 on 17 Aug. The most elsewhere was five, on a private *Ottawa* property on 01 Aug (Justin Bosler). *Auglaize*, *Fayette*, *Hamilton*, *Hancock*, *Licking*, *Muskingum*, and *Union* also contributed reports.

Le Conte's Sparrow

Wake Robin is THE place for these fall visitors. Up to three were seen there almost every day between 09 and 28 Oct. The first, however, was at Winous Point on 03 Oct (Justin Bosler). The only other sighting was Ron Sempier's lifer Le Conte's at Killdeer on 25 Oct.



Ron Sempier successfully photographed a skulking Le Conte's Sparrow at Killdeer on 26 Oct.

Nelson's Sparrow

These often keep company with Le Conte's and did so this fall. Wake Robin hosted the first on 22 Sep (Jerry Talkington) and last on 28 Oct (m. obs.) and up to six most days in between. That high count was on 17 Oct by Jerry Talkington and had been matched at Winous Horseshoe on 06 Oct by Justin Bosler. Reports also came from *Clark*, *Cuyahoga*, *Erie*, *Fayette*, *Franklin*, *Licking*, *Lorain*, *Lucas*, *Pickaway*, *Union*, and *Wayne*.

Le Conte's/Nelson's Sparrow

David A. Brinkman flushed an orange-faced sparrow from the Miami Whitewater wetlands on 02 Oct but got only a fleeting look at it.

Fox Sparrow

Nicholas Rosner saw the first, at Wright Marsh, *Wayne*, on 05 Oct, and sightings continued all through winter. Irina Shulgina found six at Killdeer on 03 Nov as did Christina Harrington at Blendon Woods on 16 Nov. Thirty counties produced reports.

Song Sparrow

Jen Brumfield estimated 550 at CLNP on 25 Oct and there were smaller three-digit counts there as well. The most elsewhere was in the Ohio Power lands near The Wilds, *Muskingum*, where Scott Pendleton found 80 on 25 Aug. All but 10 counties had sightings.

Lincoln's Sparrow

The first sightings came on 09 Sep, when Patty McKelvey saw one in Cleveland's Eric Street Cemetery, Mary Anne Romito another in CVNP, and Inga Schmidt a third on Chagrin River Road, *Geauga*. Scott Pendleton recorded the last, a straggler in the Tappan Drainage Area, *Harrison*, on 24 Nov. The second last was seen at about the normal "last" date; George Norosel found it in *Cuyahoga* on 09 Nov. Kent Miller made the high count of 12 at CLNP on 09 Oct. Thirty-two counties produced reports.

Swamp Sparrow

Jen Brumfield and CLNP again combined for a high count; she found 220 there on 25 Oct. Justin Bosler and Sherrie Duris provided the second-highest, 150 at Mallard Club Marsh WA, *Lucas*, on 10 Oct. Forty-six counties yielded sightings.

White-throated Sparrow

One arrived a little early, 07 Sep, in Chagrin River Park, *Lake* (Cole DiFabio). The second showed up on 13 Sep at Headlands (Jen Brumfield) and the next two on 21 Sep at Magee (Ben Warner) and the CCE Trail (James Berry). CLNP hosted the two highest counts, 1250 on 25 Oct and 750 the next day (both Jen Brumfield). The most elsewhere were 150 at the Lebanon Sports Complex, *Warren*, on 03 Nov (William Hull). Reports came from 63 counties.

White-crowned Sparrow

A group of five birders saw the first, at CLNP on 15 Sep. Cory Chiappone noted the second, at his home feeder in *Lake* on 22 Sep. Sameer Apte made the highest of many triple-digit counts at CLNP, 400 on 26 Oct. Jen Brumfield saw the most elsewhere, 80 at Wendy Park on 06 Oct. The sole report of a "Gambel's" White-crowned (a wanderer from the west) was by Keith Lott at Pickerington Ponds on 27 Oct. Fifty counties produced sightings.

Dark-eyed Junco

A few early Aug sightings in *Geauga*, *Lake*, and *Richland* were probably of nesting birds and their young. Two in Gates Mills, *Cuyahoga*, on 11 Aug (Rita Schneider) could have been from Canada, but they do nest in the area. The first that I'm (almost) sure was a migrant showed up at Euclid Creek Reservation, *Cuyahoga*, on 29 Sep (Nancy Anderson). Many triple-digit reports at CLNP were topped by Jen Brumfield's 1100 there on 25 Oct. The largest flock elsewhere was of 75, which Ron Sempier noted at Big Island on 24 Oct. Paul Sherwood carefully documented one of the "Oregon" group of seven subspecies at Sheldon's Marsh SNP, *Erie*, on 15 Nov. Another "Oregon" and two "Cassiar" juncos (subspecies *cismontanus*) were also reported but not conclusively described. Sixty-seven counties provided reports.

Summer Tanager

Virginia Fantetti saw the latest, in her *Clermont* yard on 05 Oct. Jack Stenger *et al.* found four in Shawnee Lookout on 21 Sep and there were many reports of two. *Delaware*, *Franklin*, *Greene*, *Highland*, *Lucas*, *Mahoning*, *Montgomery*, and *Pickaway* also provided sightings.

Scarlet Tanager

Craig Flockerzie photographed one at Char-Mar, *Delaware*, on 11 Nov, at least three weeks later than their historical departure date. The second last, at Headlands on 20 Oct, was also rather late for the latitude (Tom Frankel). Gary Cowell and Jason Hull saw five along the Kokosing Gap Trail, *Knox*, on 31 Aug. Reports came from 38 counties.

Northern Cardinal

Doug Overacker wandered four miles of trails in Buck Creek on 29 Nov and counted 60 cardinals. Sightings came from all but seven counties.

Rose-breasted Grosbeak

Scott Pendleton saw the last, in *Harrison* on 13 Nov. A few reports typically trickle out to that date, but the second last was a month earlier on 18 Oct at Blendon Woods (Jennifer Kuehn). Tom Bain counted 14 at Magee on 21 Sep and Jen Brumfield seven at Gordon Park, *Cuyahoga*, on 13 Sep. Forty-one counties produced reports.

Blue Grosbeak

A trio of birders watched a female carrying food near the Darby Creek NC on 12 Sep. That's a little late for one to be in Ohio, let alone still to be caring for a youngster. Brian Wulker's high count of seven, at Fernald on 07 Aug, included three immatures. The most seen elsewhere was three, in *Franklin* and *Montgomery* on three dates. Reports also came from *Allen*, *Butler*, *Clark*, *Harrison*, and *Union*; curiously absent is *Lucas*, whose OOPMP has a significant nesting population.

Indigo Bunting

Paul Hurtado saw and heard one at the OSU Browning Amphitheater, *Franklin*, on the late date of 05 Nov. The Wulkers saw the second-last, at the Miami Whitewater wetlands on 19 Oct. Jack Stenger noted about 75 at Armleder Park on 05 Oct and 50 at Shawnee Lookout on 21 Sep. He commented, "It's amazing what totals you get when you actually count common migrants." Fifty-eight counties provided sightings.

Dickcissel

They nested at Darby Creek, and Gene Stauffer saw the season's last there on 30 Sep. Justin Bosler counted 20 at a property in *Ottawa* on 01 Aug. The second-highest count was 12, by Bill and René McGill near Grand Lake St. Marys, *Mercer*, on 03 Aug. Another dozen counties also had sightings.

Bobolink

Two at Darby Creek on 15 Oct (Keith Lott) and one in Delaware WA on 21 Oct (John Gribble) were the last. David Weaver noted a series of flocks passing over Funk on 12 Sep; he estimated at least 950 birds were in them. Darby Creek hosted several flocks totaling about 200 birds on 14 Sep (m. obs.). Twenty-six counties produced reports.

Red-winged Blackbird

Justin Bosler estimated 50,000 were at Winous Point on 02 and 03 Oct. Kent Miller found about 10,000 at Huron's west pier, *Erie*. Allen Chartier noted almost 4000 while doing point counts at East Harbor on 18 Oct. Sixty-seven counties had sightings.

Eastern Meadowlark

Scott Pendleton counted 55 in The Bowl on 29 Sep. The next highest number was 25, which Irina Shulgina achieved on 24 Aug in a *Franklin* unit of Prairie Oaks MP. Forty-eight counties provided sightings.

Yellow-headed Blackbird

The three reports are:

A male and female, not keeping company, at

Lorain on 28 Aug (the Kassoufs)

One at Winous Point on 03 Oct (Justin Bosler)

One at Killdeer on 29 Oct (Charles Bombaci)

Rusty Blackbird

Four at Station Road in CVNP (the Chasars) and one at Wilderness Road (Tom Bain) on 19 Sep were the first. On 02 Nov Kent Miller watched “large flocks flying steadily overhead into impoundment area [at Huron, **Erie**] and beyond” which totaled about 500 birds. CPNWR hosted a flock of about 140 on 16 Nov (Elliot Tramer). Thirty-six counties produced reports.



Birding Cleveland Harbor on 15 Oct rewarded Chuck Slusarczyk, Jr. with a lovely photo-op of this migrant Rusty Blackbird.

Brewer's Blackbird

Jason Cade and Brian Jorg well described one they found in the Eco-Ohio Wetland, **Warren**, on 11 Oct. That's on the presumed migration path of the small Michigan nesting population.

Common Grackle

Elliot Tramer wrote, “6,000+ in OOPM October 17. Every fall large flocks of grackles occur in the oak openings, sweeping through the woods at all levels from forest floor to treetops, feeding as they go on everything from acorns to arthropods. They've probably done this for thousands of years; yet the sight of thousands of them passing through makes me wonder if they've assumed the passenger pigeon's empty niche...” Douglas Vogus watched six flocks pass his **Summit** home on 30 Oct; they totaled more than 14,000 birds in less than an hour. Gary Cowell counted 17,000 in half an hour as they left a roost in **Richland** on 17 Oct. Reports came from 61 counties.

Brown-headed Cowbird

Scott Myers found about 1200 in fields along Township Road 71 in **Paulding** on 15 Oct. Justin Bosler noted about 500 along West Schiller Road, **Ottawa**, on 05 Aug. Fifty-two counties provided sightings.

Orchard Oriole

Bill Stanley saw four at East Fork on 31 Aug; they were the last. Three locations each hosted five on two early Aug dates. Twenty-one counties produced reports.

Baltimore Oriole

Armlerder Park provided the last sighting, on 28 Sep (T.S. Imfeld). CPNWR hosted 15 on 22 Aug (Elliot Tramer) and Tom Bartlett's Kelley's Island census teams counted 37 on 19 Aug. Reports came from 47 counties.

House Finch

Carl Hanson noted 40 at his **Franklin** home on 27 Nov. Fifty-nine counties produced sightings.

Purple Finch

Graham Sorenson reported six at his Denison, **Licking**, feeders on 29 Oct. A few other reports were of two to five birds though most were of singles. Twenty-two counties provided reports.

Common Redpoll

Kent Miller and Ben Morrison saw one at Headlands on 25 Oct and Nicholas Rosner another in **Wayne** on 25 Nov.

Pine Siskin

The one which Wes Hatch saw at LaDue on 19 Sep was early for a migrant but could have been one of our rare nesters. The next, at Wendy Park on 03 Oct, had surely just arrived (Jen Brumfield). Junior Barnes found six in his **Highland** garden on 13 Nov. **Coshocton**, **Franklin**, **Hancock**, **Lorain**, and **Wayne** also contributed sightings.

American Goldfinch

Eric Elvert estimated 400 at Carriage Hill MP, **Montgomery**, on 20 Oct; he had seen up to 200 there during the previous week. Wes Hatch noted about 300 in Orchard Hill Park, **Geauga**, on 08 Oct. Eighty counties produced reports.

House Sparrow

The highest reported counts were of 300, by Sally Isacco at Lorain on 06 Aug and Thomas Olson and Marcia Rubin at Wake Robin on 05 Oct. Reports came from 72 counties.

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